

Broadbent slams judges scandal



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RED DEER - Prime Minister Trudeau should resign if he deliberately delayed asking Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet and Public Works Minister C.M. (Bud) Drury about allegations of interference with the Quebec judiciary, federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent said Friday.

Speaking at a news conference during the Alberta NDP convention in Red Deer, Broadbent said, "If the prime minister purposefully kept information from himself by not asking ministers about the nature of their involvement, then of course he should resign.

But if he foolishly delayed asking the questions, then we can't ask for his resignation. But, of course, only the PM knows what went on in his head."

Broadbent said Trudeau's conduct in the now-infamous Quebec judge's affair has been "particularly adolescent and shown scandalous irresponsibility."

He affirmed that his party would continue to press for a full inquiry into the affair, "although now that the Conservatives have placed their priorities elsewhere, our chances aren't nearly as good of getting that inquiry."

Broadbent said Trudeau sees Canada as a gentlemen's club "of which he and his Cabinet are in the forefront. Mr. Drury (accused to interfering with Quebec Superior Court Justice James Hugesson) submitted his resignation to Mr. Trudeau but the PM refused the resignation, saying that an apology sufficed from one gentleman to another." Broadbent said, "There was no answering to the Canadian people. It was an affair to be handled in a 'gentlemanly' fashion."

All this has resulted in a complete lack of faith in parliament, Broadbent said, because "the people of Canada have the right to expect the highest

moral standard from a minister of the Crown - but not received such."

Broadbent added that the resignation of Ouellet does not excuse the need for an inquiry. "Mr. Ouellet's resignation was given for entirely the wrong reasons and I'm sure that the reasons given will enable Trudeau to bring him back into the Cabinet at some future date."

The Quebec judges affair was brought into public view two weeks ago when *The Toronto Globe and Mail* published letters sent from Justice Kenneth Mackay of the Quebec Superior Court to Justice Minister Ron Basford. In the letters, it was alleged that Public

Works Minister Bud Drury had attempted to influence a decision of Quebec Justice James Hugesson, who was hearing a contempt of court charge against Consumer Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet.

Ouellet was facing the charges for remarks he had made about a Mackay court verdict finding three sugar companies not guilty of price collusion in eastern Canada.

Further allegations were made about Jean Chretien, Treasury Board President, who apologized to the House of Commons for having called a Quebec Superior Court judge in 1969 to find out when a

bankruptcy court would be decided.

Minister of Health and Welfare, Mar Lalonde, also told the House of Commons that he went to see Mr. Justice Mackay in 1970 during a trial involving Montreal charges against ten Trinidad citizens.

Lalonde said he had received a message from the Prime Minister of Trinidad that a verdict against the students might well cause violence in Trinidad.

Further questioning of the prime minister and the four ministers is being conducted during question period in the House of Commons.

If you missed it the first time

The Department of Radio and Television video-taped Mel Hurtig's lecture *The Defeat of Canadian Nationalism*, that he gave on Wednesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. in TLB 2 H.M.T. building.

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A billion to one

MARYLAND (ZNS-CUP) - A leading American astronomer says that there may be as many as one billion intelligent civilizations flourishing in our own galaxy, but that it's unlikely humans will ever make contact with any of them.

The reason for this failure, says doctor Virginia Trimble of the University of Maryland, is that humankind probably won't be around much longer.

Doctor Trimble says she doubts very much if the human species will survive the thousand or more years needed for two way communications with a race of intelligent beings on another planet.

She says, "I think it is entirely within the cards that we will destroy ourselves within the next 50 years" - adding that when doomsday comes, "It won't be (because of) anything glamorous like an atom bomb." Doctor Trimble predicts rather pessimistically that, "We'll probably drown in our own garbage."

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see whether the tax concessions have helped or hindered this province."

Notley told his audience he was quite optimistic about the future of the NDP. "At the same time," he added, "the government is making such staggering moves with such incredible errors in judgement, that I am less than optimistic about the future of the province."

Notley said he felt the NDP could form the second party of Alberta in the next election and that an NDP opposition's main priority would be to take the Heritage Trust Fund "out from behind closed doors."

You still can't be a number

NORTH DAKOTA (ZNS-CUP) - A Fargo, North Dakota schoolteacher has been denied permission to change his name to the number "1069".

Michael Jerbert Dengler petitioned the courts to change his legal name to 1069, explaining that the number "Best describes the relationship I have with myself."

Dengler stated that number

1 represented his view of nature, the number 0 his relationship with time in movement through the universe, number 6 his relationship to the universe, and number 9 his relationship to essence.

Judge Herbert Maxwell said he appreciated the relationship, but denied Dengler's petition, saying the numbers would cause too much confusion.

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