

should be made regarding the situation which resulted in the bringing in of the War Measures Act.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I cannot quarrel with the statement made by the right hon. gentleman but if a statement of this kind were to be made it would not be as the result of an inquiry of the minister in question, but a request of the Prime Minister or the Minister of Justice. My impression is that this is what was requested previously during the question period. The hon. member for Egmont.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I noticed that the minister is rising. In view of the minister's direct intervention in the municipal election in Montreal, I wonder whether he is now prepared to make a statement to the House, particularly in view of the serious charges that were in fact made by the minister outside the House?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege.

We have no intention of interfering, either directly or indirectly, in the municipal election in Montreal. There is nothing to withdraw from the statement I made yesterday. However, there has obviously been some confusion due to the fact that, because of my imperfect command of the English language, I used the English word "front" instead of the French expression "caution morale". I shall clarify this outside the House.

[*English*]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, in view of the danger of innuendo and smear, will the Prime Minister not agree that the time has arrived for full and concise information as to the exact nature of the apprehended insurrection as asked for earlier in the House?

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, may I address a very simple question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the statement he is reported to have made, would he not agree to make a statement on motions—I am sure hon. members would gladly revert to motions now to give him the opportunity—explaining the statement he made about FRAP and giving the House the evidence on which he made that statement which has smeared a good many innocent people?

Mr. Stanfield: Dictatorship.

An hon. Member: Including his own friends.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Would the Minister of Justice, as the chief law officer of the Crown, discuss this matter with his colleague to ascertain if his colleague has facts in connection with which there should be further investigation, and then report his findings to the House?

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Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I have already discussed this matter with the Solicitor General. He is not in the House today.

Mr. Stanfield: That's too bad.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I have nothing further to add to what the minister has already said.

Mr. Diefenbaker: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Minister of Justice whether, in the discussions he has had with the Solicitor General, consideration was given to the fact that the remarks made by the minister in question come within the provisions of the Hate bill legislation?

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister of Justice would indicate whether any other action has been taken to prevent FRAP from distributing political literature or, in effect, to make inoperable an aspect of the political campaign now being waged in the Montreal municipal elections?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, as has already been said, the bringing into force of the War Measures Act has no relationship to the municipal elections.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In order to clarify certain matters, can the minister say in the House whether or not FRAP is a front for the FLQ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands.

MONTREAL—REMOVAL OF FRAP ELECTION POSTERS IN UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Will he undertake to investigate whether or not the police entered the University Settlement in Montreal and required that FRAP election posters be taken down, on threat of imprisonment? Does he not consider this action if it is correct, to be an infringement of the rights of the people in that area with respect to municipal elections? Also, what action does he propose to take with respect to this matter?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will ask my colleague, the Solicitor General, to look into the hon. member's question.

WAR MEASURES ACT—HOLDING INCOMMUNICADO OF THOSE DETAINED, RIGHT TO COUNSEL—AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I ask another question. Yesterday the