

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I was proceeding with my question of privilege. While I know that the hon. gentleman is possessed of prevision and prescience to a high degree, he does not know the question of privilege I am going to raise. I now proceed following the interruption. This article is by the Canadian Press and it is also sanctified by the C.B.C.:

Artists have "refined" the government's proposed maple leaf flag, a spokesman in the Prime Minister's office said Saturday. "The basic design has not been altered," he stressed. These are the changes:

1. The vertical blue bar at each edge of the flag has been widened slightly. The colour has also been deepened to "bring it closer to a royal blue."

2. The size of the three red maple leaves has been reduced slightly, and their colour also has been deepened. They will be close to scarlet.

3. The stems of the leaves have been straightened and made slightly thinner, removing the noticeable nodes that appeared in the original design.

Some M.P.'s had called these nodes "a plumber's lament."

When I asked the question I was doing so on the basis of the most dependable information I could get. I now ask the hon. gentleman, is the information that was given by the Prime Minister's office on Saturday correct? Is parliament not entitled to know what has been leaked to the press, if you call it a leak?

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is seeking, of course, by every device at his disposal to get me to violate the rules of the house.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I should say to the right hon. gentleman, of course, that I have not seen the story in question. But it is clear from what the right hon. gentleman has read that there is no change in design, and when my right hon. friend is confronted with the resolution he will not only find that is the fact but he will also find that not only in this house but in this country there is nothing but approval for the stand taken by the Prime Minister.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest that we have had enough questions on this particular subject, and that we move on to something else.

**Mr. Nielsen:** May I crave your indulgence? For the benefit of members of the house, can the Acting Prime Minister tell us whether the paper design that was produced in conjunction with the resolution is part of that

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

resolution, so we will know what we are dealing with rather than being confronted with all these alterations?

[Translation]

**Mr. Maurice Côté (Chicoutimi):** Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Acting Prime Minister?

Is the minister aware that the future national flag, the one with three maple leaves, was raised and unfurled in Chicoutimi, before nearly 10,000 people, and also raised on city hall square, to the strains of O Canada, and that it was warmly acclaimed by the people?

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**PENITENTIARIES****PROPOSED LOCATION OF NEW WOMEN'S PRISON**

On the order of the day:

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** I was going to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister, but it is obvious I will not get a straight answer, so I will try my luck with the Minister of Justice.

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand that the last remark is meant to be facetious.

**Mr. Howard:** It was meant to be serious, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could ask the Minister of Justice whether it is a fact that the government has shelved its proposal to construct a new prison for women at Cornwall, and is going ahead with replacement of the present structure at its present site at Kingston.

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice):** The answer which I have already given on that point stands. I am pleased to advise the house, including of course my hon. friend, that I am going to meet the groups concerned on Saturday, July 11, to discuss the matter.

**IMMIGRATION****JOHN THOMADAKIS—STATEMENT ON DETENTION AWAITING DEPORTATION**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** I should like to ask the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration if he can make a statement to the house on the case of John Thomadakis who, in a habeas corpus application, claimed he had been detained in the Don jail for 38 days without trial, then tried and sentenced to five months in jail with deportation to follow. He also claimed he was tried for an unknown offence and without a lawyer to defend him, although he had asked for one.