

Inquiries of the Ministry

An hon. Member: That is what you are around for.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Apparently the government does not intend to look for the letter because it is embarrassing.

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I have a further supplementary question for the Solicitor General. When did the minister receive the report of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on the Montreal riots?

Mr. McIlraith: To which particular riots is the hon. member referring? I receive reports from the RCMP very frequently, several times a week.

Mr. Paproski: I have a further supplementary question. On what day did the minister receive the report?

Mr. McIlraith: I do not understand the hon. gentleman's question. The subject is of such importance that I believe I should answer the question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We do not appear to be making much headway in this exchange of questions and answers. We will try the hon. member for York North.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, a point of order—

Mr. Speaker: I have to ask for the co-operation of the hon. member for York North. The hon. member for Edmonton Centre is seeking the floor.

Mr. Paproski: I should like to make a clarification and say that the riot about which I am concerned was on October 7, but since the minister has already said he has received reports I should like to ask him a further supplementary question, if I may. Would he give consideration to giving the reports to the committee investigating the Company of Young Canadians?

Mr. McIlraith: If the hon. gentleman, as he now indicates, is referring to the riots on October 7, I had reports of those during the time they were taking place and several times the next day and the following day. Those reports were verbal reports to me and were not in writing, but the matter was fully and carefully reported by the RCMP during the whole of the day on which it started, October 7, and on subsequent days.

[Mr. Walker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Now that we have disposed of the point of order, I recognize the hon. member for York North.

Mr. Barney Danson (York North): I have a supplementary question for the Solicitor General. In view of the confusion, I wonder if the Solicitor General would consider planting the right hon. member for Prince Albert in the CYC as an undercover agent to supply us with all the facts?

[Translation]

SOURCE OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RCMP

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Solicitor General.

In view of the statement made yesterday by the Minister of Justice to the effect that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had received reports about the activities of the Company of Young Canadians in the province of Quebec, could he tell the House whether the RCMP sent him any reports from provinces other than Quebec?

[English]

Mr. McIlraith: I think the hon. member is under a misapprehension. As I read *Hansard*, the reports to which he is referring were discussed in the House yesterday during the question period. These reports arise out of material seized immediately after the October 7 disturbance in Montreal, and that information has been coming forward from time to time since October 29 from the Montreal police to the RCMP. The major part has come after November 20. That information is passed on immediately, after the RCMP have looked at it, to the law officers of the Crown for an analysis and their opinion on it. I might add that this material is still coming and more of it is anticipated—

Mr. Woolliams: It will keep coming.

Mr. McIlraith: The hon. member for Calgary North seems to know a great deal about it.

Mr. Woolliams: The minister should know a lot more.

Mr. McIlraith: There is more of it to come, and until its examination is completed and the evidence is completed I do not think I will have much more to say to the House.

As to the question whether other documents came from other provinces, I do not see how documents of that nature could come, and the answer would have to be a simple no.