

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, will the Secretary of State take this opportunity to assure the house that it will continue to be the policy of the government not to allow any agency for which it is responsible to base academic awards on political considerations?

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding, as reported in the paper that this confirmed anarchist has rejected this grant. Will the Secretary of State give this grant to the Edmonton Folk Arts Council, which applied for a grant in order to visit Tunisia and France? This group consists of 40 young and intelligent exchange students.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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ALLOTMENT OF AIR TIME TO JERRY RUBIN— TERMINATION OF PROGRAM "DON MESSER'S JUBILEE"

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, after the dissertation by the Secretary of State in respect of freedom for anarchists I should like to ask him whether he is aware that some little or petty Caesar of the C.B.C. has announced that Jerry Rubin will be accorded one night or one hour, whatever the period is—perhaps one hour of one night—on the C.B.C. on either Thursday or Friday of this week to spread and disseminate his seditious and even treasonable utterances?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that I made a dissertation on freedom for anarchists, and I do not see why the right hon. gentleman is insinuating that I did.

As for the facts he mentioned, I could make inquiries, but I am not aware of them.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the minister cannot talk contemptuously to parliament in that way, I would suggest.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Does the right hon. gentleman rise to ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Diefenbaker: Yes. I had to answer the last part of his gratuitous reference.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. gentleman knows better than I do that—

[Mr. Pelletier.]

Mr. Diefenbaker: He sure does.

Mr. Speaker: The right hon. gentleman has confirmed that he knows he cannot answer and that he can only ask questions.

Mr. Diefenbaker: We never get answers, anyhow. I should like to ask the minister whether he will get in touch with the C.B.C. to find out why, whoever this individual is, he defies the government of Canada, which directed that Rubin should not be heard? Will he at the same time find out why a show as popular as the Messer show is being denied to the people of Canada by these individuals who prefer revolutionaries?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

EXPROPRIATION

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. Hyl Chappell (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Justice to tell us when he will be bringing in new legislation in respect of expropriation, to which he referred last October and again in December?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): I hope within the next two or three weeks, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): May I ask a supplementary question?

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member going to ask a question supplementary to the one asked by the hon. member for Peel South?

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I recognize the hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. Woolliams: I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether this new expropriation law will apply to the airport north of Montreal and all its ramifications?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is asking me for a legal opinion. I will be glad to consult with him, once he has seen the bill.

Mr. Baldwin: I thought you were going to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I would be the last person to ask the Minister of Justice for a legal opinion.