

questioner indicated, Ministers were aware of the situation of the second leak and chose not to inform the House of Commons and the people of Canada.

Mr. Andre: They informed the RCMP.

Mr. Riis: Can the Deputy Prime Minister identify who the Ollie North north is in the Minister of Finance's office who chose to cover up and not inform the Minister of Finance during Question Period? Second, which Minister was it who decided to keep Parliament in the dark and the people of Canada in the dark on this issue?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, on April 27 we had allegations of further leaks from the Member for Hamilton East. We had allegations of further leaks from the Member for Oshawa. We had allegations of further leaks from the Member for York South—Weston. We had allegations of further leaks from the Member for Winnipeg South Centre. We had allegations of further leaks from the Member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte. We had allegations and suggestions of further leaks from the Member for Kamloops. We had a whole series in the newspapers, on television, and all of this information was part and parcel of the subject of the RCMP investigation. If the Hon. Member had any information, he suggested that he did, did he go to the RCMP and give them the information, or did he withhold information from the RCMP? Did he know?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

TIME THAT INFORMATION GIVEN TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, earlier in Question Period the Deputy Prime Minister said that he learned of the second leak late in the day.

Mr. McDermid: What did you do with your information?

Mr. Riis: There have been a number of discussions between Members on the Opposition side, both from the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party, who remember very clearly the following set of events: During the latter stages of Question Period on April 27, a page came in and called out the Deputy Prime Minister. The Deputy Prime Minister left, went behind the curtains, returned with an ashen look on his face,

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informing the Minister of Finance. Both went out behind the curtain with the Minister of Justice. Was that not the time when the Deputy Prime Minister was first aware that there had been a second leak?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has either imputed motives or come awfully close to imputing motives about my personal integrity. I want him to reconsider the statement that he made.

I did find out after Question Period as a result of a call that was put into my office, sometime I presume during Question Period.

Mr. Gauthier: Which leak?

Mr. Mazankowski: We are talking about the Mutual Life issue. I was called by the Privy Council Office. I returned the call sometime after I returned from Question Period. I can tell you that given the information that was imparted to me at that particular time, I can only assure the House and all Hon. Members that it simply confirmed that the course we took on Wednesday night was the right, logical and only course to take.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SITUATION IN CHINA—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, my question is directed to the acting Minister. It concerns the situation in China, where hundreds of thousands of students and workers are having a sit-in and demonstration for freedom and democracy.

As we know, the Chinese Government itself is divided on this issue and certain forces within the Government lean toward democracy and reform. Could the acting Minister inform the House what is the position of the Canadian Government on this important question? Does it support glasnost in China?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, we have been following the situation in China closely, as one might imagine. We are pleased to see that both the authorities and the students in Beijing have shown restraint and that the demonstra-