

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): Just call him Rudolph.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. gentleman just said, I must have been riding reindeers. This is a consequence of suffering from the 'flu. In reply to the question asked me by the hon. member last week I should say that in response to a request from the government of Tanzania, the Canadian government has stated its willingness to co-operate with the government of that country in an air force equipment and training program. The establishment of an air transport wing, by providing increased mobility, will complement the advisory and training assistance Canada is already extending to the Tanzanian army. The assurance of stability, which depends in part on adequately trained and equipped security forces, is a prerequisite to sound economic and social development.

A Canadian survey team will be sent in a fortnight to examine, in consultation with the Tanzanian authorities and in the light of Canadian capabilities, how Canada can best assist in this matter. The detailed program to be agreed between the two governments will be based on the team's findings. The Canadian government welcomes this further development in the friendly relations between our two commonwealth countries.

I think this was an oral question. I do not know whether that makes any difference, but it was an oral question.

Mr. Churchill: I think you are out of order.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I think it is important that at the earliest opportunity we should show our interest in this commonwealth country.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**LUCIEN RIVARD—INQUIRY AS TO WHEREABOUTS**

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice.

During the long recess did the minister have any contacts with the attorney general of the province of Quebec to find out if Lucien Rivard had been seen somewhere or if he is still at large without anyone knowing his whereabouts?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): I understand, Mr. Speaker, that this follows [Mr. MacEwan.]

up a question that was asked recently by the hon. member for Villeneuve.

In reply I must say that, during what the hon. member calls the recess, I had no special contacts with the attorney general of the province of Quebec on that matter, but after the questions which were asked last week as to whether the police was continuing its searches, I inquired from my sources of information, and I wish to tell the house that the police is actively maintaining its activities.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question.

Does the minister know, for instance, that Lucien Rivard is definitely not in the county of Villeneuve?

Mr. Béchard: One can never tell.

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[*Later:*]

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Minister of Justice a supplementary question related to the answer he gave the hon. member for Villeneuve. If I understood him correctly I believe he said he had corresponded with the attorney general of the province of Quebec regarding the search for Rivard. If I did not catch the minister's answer correctly, then I would like him to repeat it.

Mr. Favreau: What I said was that during the long interval referred to by the hon. member for Villeneuve I had no occasion to have any special communication with the attorney general of Quebec, but further to questions which had been put last week I had inquired from my own sources of information and ascertained that the investigation by the police is being pursued.

Mr. Douglas: Then the supplementary question I want to ask is, are we to assume from the minister's answer that he considers the responsibility for pressing the search for Rivard lies with the authorities in the province of Quebec?

Mr. Favreau: I made no such answer, Mr. Speaker, and I think my previous answers speak for themselves in this respect. I said that all police forces in the country were pursuing a co-operative effort in this direction.

Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce): As a supplementary question, is the minister satisfied that every possible effort is being put forth to apprehend one Lucien Rivard?

Mr. Favreau: I answered that early last week, Mr. Speaker.