

view of the government's stated intention to buy more property on Wellington Street, will the Prime Minister state what, if any, are the limits to government growth in Ottawa?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would hope that if the Prime Minister is going to give this information he would give it by way of a statement on motions. Perhaps the hon. member might like to rephrase his question along those lines.

**Mr. Roche:** May I ask the Prime Minister, in light of the increase in the civil service by 10 per cent over the past year, whether this is an influencing factor in determining taxation in the country?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if I might attempt to answer in the way you indicated would be in order, I will not be making a statement along those lines, but perhaps the Minister of Public Works might take it into consideration.

#### OPENING OF NEW BUILDING IN HULL—HIRING OF CONSULTANTS

**Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Minister of Public Works. Can he explain why he hired outside consultants for \$120,000 to open a new government building in Hull rather than using the services of Information Canada?

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, it is not correct to assert that it was merely for the opening of the building. The money will be spent on promotion of the shops, boutiques and restaurants which will bring in money to the government of Canada and make the building very interesting.

**Mr. Paproski:** This is not the first time that the services of this company have been engaged. Is the department following a policy of bypassing Information Canada? After all, they have been spending millions of dollars and nobody wants to use them. What is the matter with them?

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#### CANADIAN CULTURE

##### MULTICULTURALISM—POLICY OF CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State. In view of the government's repeated statements about its desire to encourage multiculturalism in this country, would the minister discuss with the senior officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation their policy of banning broadcasting of programs in various languages on stations which are or will be purchased by the CBC?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I would point out that the CBC's operations are governed by the Broadcasting Act. We did receive a letter. The Minister of State responsible for multiculturalism received a copy of the letter from the Ukrainian com-

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munity to the president of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission. I take it that in time it will be replied to, but I suggest that the most—

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**An hon. Member:** Sit down.

**Mr. Faulkner:**—correct course would probably be to raise this matter, following the reply of the president of the CRTC, in the committee when the CBC appears before it.

**Mr. Hueglin:** In view of the fact that CKSB—I am sorry.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Winnipeg North who raised the question should be allowed the first supplementary.

**Mr. Orlikow:** Is the minister suggesting by his answer that he has no right to discuss government policy in regard to broadcasting with the CBC and the government's desires and the desires of all the people of Canada?

**Mr. Faulkner:** Mr. Speaker, if it is simply a question of whether or not I am prepared to discuss it with the CBC; of course, I am prepared to do that.

**Mr. Joe Hueglin (Niagara Falls):** Mr. Speaker, it has been the custom that CKSB has been a functioning multilingual station in Winnipeg. Would the minister assure us that when it is taken over it will continue to be so rather than being forced to be French and/or English?

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for St. Boniface rises on a point of order.

[Translation]

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the House that station CKSB is situated in the centre of St. Boniface and has indeed for several years provided services not only to French Canadians in the west, but also to all other ethnic groups.

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#### INDIAN AFFAIRS

##### REPORTED STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER RESPECTING LEGAL RIGHTS—GOVERNMENT POLICY—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. the Prime Minister. In view of the right hon. gentleman's statement to a delegation of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs that "perhaps you have more legal rights than we thought you had when we did the white paper", can the Prime Minister now tell the House whether the government has changed the position it took in the 1969 white paper and, if so, when will a formal statement be made to the House?