

expressed in the answers they are asking that the Solicitor General resign.

**Mr. Ron Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, on March 5, 1985, the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) questioned the Solicitor General (Mr. MacKay) concerning the internal inquiry by the RCMP into the RCMP handling of the Hatfield investigation. Specifically he asked the following questions: First, is that report ready? Second, if it is not ready, in what stage of readiness is it? Third, when does the Solicitor General expect to receive it? Fourth, will the report also cover allegations made by Premier Hatfield subsequent to the commissioning of the report by Commissioner Simmonds, that members of the RCMP were out to get him and to bring down his government.

In response to the first three questions asked of the Solicitor General, he replied at that time as follows:

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Mr. Speaker, the report is not yet ready. It is substantially complete and, when it is ready, I will be informing him and other Members of that situation.

As of March 7, 1985, the RCMP advised that the report was not yet ready, although it was substantially complete and would be presented to the Solicitor General immediately upon its completion. Therefore, in response to the first three questions the Minister can only repeat what he said on March 5.

Concerning the Hon. Member's question about the content of the report, it is the Minister's understanding that the focus of the report will be the RCMP's handling of the Hatfield investigation and the specific allegation that members of the RCMP may have leaked information of the investigation to the press. However, the Solicitor General has no knowledge of the content of the report and does not wish to speculate about its details.

It must be remembered that it was the Commissioner of the RCMP who ordered this internal investigation to be conducted. While the Solicitor General supported him in that decision, he has in no way attempted to direct or influence that investigation. As the Hon. Member for York Centre well knows, the RCMP has a world-wide reputation for thoroughness in its investigations. The Solicitor General is confident that this high standard of professionalism will apply to this endeavour as well.

Concerning the Hon. Member's reference to the reported allegations of Premier Hatfield, the Solicitor General wishes to repeat that if the Hon. Member, or any of his colleagues, presents him with particulars of inappropriate or unlawful behaviour on the part of the RCMP, the Solicitor General will ensure that immediate and appropriate action is taken. In the absence of such particulars, it would be a serious affront to the long and proud history of the RCMP and the professionalism of its members serving in New Brunswick and throughout the rest of Canada for the Solicitor General to give credence to unsupported generalities.

### *Adjournment Debate*

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION—CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDING

**Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, I requested opportunity during the adjournment debate on UNESCO because the fate of the organization and Canada's participation in it should be a priority concern to all Canadians who value the United Nations. In recent times we have been made aware of major problems afflicting UNESCO. We have been made aware of the reactions by major member nations, particularly the United States and the United Kingdom. Therefore I directed a question to the Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) concerning the policy of the Canadian Government toward our continued membership in UNESCO and our continued funding of it. I appreciate the contribution of the Secretary of State for External Affairs in response to my question. Also I appreciate his indication to the House that he is carrying on a watching brief because it is eminently necessary. We will benefit as a House and as a nation by more public debate of the issue, including this brief discussion.

I sense the Minister and the Government are reluctant to reach the extreme conclusion that Canada should withdraw from membership in UNESCO. In view of the impressive record of UNESCO, especially in its early years, at combating illiteracy and raising the level of cultural life in so many underdeveloped parts of the world, I share that reluctance. However, in view of the United Nations as a whole facing an uncertain future and that future being made more uncertain by threats to the ongoing viability of UNESCO, it is imperative that we treat this as a high priority concern.

We have not only the declaration of the United States which led to its withdrawal from membership, but a few months ago we had the declaration by Sir Geoffrey Howe on behalf of the United Kingdom. In reviewing the policy of the U.K. toward the United Nations, Sir Geoffrey Howe said that one organization where they had not been satisfied that value for money was being obtained was UNESCO. Also he indicated that they were not satisfied the developing world was getting value from that organization.

There seems to be two reasons for the general dissatisfaction with UNESCO as it is now administered. One is administrative and budget extravagance. This has given priority to concerns other than the need to raise the level of life in the Third World and in the Fourth World. For example, we have learned of the very high salary and standard of living to which the Director General of UNESCO has become accustomed, as well as the very sizeable senior administrative staff. We learned that there are more administrative and support staff at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris than there are UNESCO field workers throughout the world.

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As well as UNESCO becoming like an inverted pyramid with most of the strength and most of the budget being devoted to administration of the headquarters, we have to be impressed by the reliable reports of the indefensible, ideologi-