

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

My question is, can the minister indicate when we can expect this policy decision which is under study by his department?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I think this question might well be placed on the order paper.

**Mr. Kindt:** Mr. Speaker, may I phrase the question in another way?

**Mr. Speaker:** Well I hope the hon. member rephrases the second part of the question in a different way, and not the first part.

**Mr. Kindt:** Mr. Speaker, would the minister appreciate it if I were kind and gave him one more chance before ringing it up for the late show, in view of the fact that he is going to a dinner tonight and he might have to appear here in tails and white tie?

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, can I answer now? My answer is that this is a matter of government policy which will be announced in due course, and I hope soon.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****PROPOSED REMOVAL OF FEMALE PRISONERS FROM KINGSTON PENITENTIARY**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Solicitor General may I direct a question of most urgent importance to the Acting Solicitor General. In view of the official opening on Friday of this week of the Matsqui institution for narcotic addicts sentenced to penitentiary terms, and the expressed desire conveyed to the Solicitor General of all but one of the addicts in the women's prison at Kingston not to be transferred to Matsqui institution, can the Acting Solicitor General now fulfil the promise given to me by the Solicitor General that I would receive an answer on government policy on this most important matter early this week?

**Hon. Guy Favreau (Acting Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I can promise to refer the question immediately to the Solicitor General.

**Mr. Winch:** I understand the Solicitor General is in England.

[Mr. Kindt.]

[Translation]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****INQUIRY AS TO PRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FILES**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the President of the Privy Council who attended the meeting between the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) and the R.C.M.P. commissioner at the end of November 1964?

Can the President of the Privy Council tell us if, in addition to the Munsinger file, the R.C.M.P. commissioner handed him or the Prime Minister other files concerning other events, similar or almost similar, to the Munsinger case over the last ten years?

**Mr. Speaker:** That question is out of order because it deals directly with an inquiry now under way.

**Mr. Grégoire:** Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, my question is in no way connected with the royal commission now sitting. I am just asking if, at a given moment, Commissioner McLelland gave the Prime Minister other similar files concerning hon. members over the last ten years. That has nothing to do with the royal commission on the Munsinger case.

**Mr. Speaker:** Even if I accept the hon. member's suggestion that his question bears no relation to the inquiry I referred to, he must admit just the same that his question is not so urgent that it can be asked at this time.

Moreover, that question deals with something that has already happened and, under the circumstances, I feel that it is unacceptable.

[English]

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I did not quite understand the reference you made a moment ago, but if I comprehend correctly you indicated that any matter which came before the royal commission could not be discussed here in the house. I want to make it very clear that we cannot accept such a ruling.

**Mr. Speaker:** No, this is not what I intended to say and I hope it is not what I said. I had the impression that the hon. member was asking a question which dealt directly with evidence, and in its limited context it was my opinion that the specific question could not be answered.