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BREAK-IN AT L'AGENCE DE PRESSE LIBRE—PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF MR. CHOQUETTE'S STATEMENT NO POLICEMEN INVOLVED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter arising out of a statement attributed to the former Minister of Justice for the province of Quebec and quoted in the press yesterday in which Mr. Choquette maintained that he made the statement which he made on October 12, 1972, namely that no policemen were involved in the raid that took place in Montreal. In light of the fact we now know that at the time Mr. Choquette made that statement, RCMP headquarters in Ottawa was well aware that an RCMP officer as well as others were involved, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instructs the Solicitor General to order an investigation into the sources of information which led the former head of the Quebec Provincial Police to inform the former minister of justice of the province of Quebec, Mr. Choquette, that no police officers took part in the break-in at L'Agence de Presse Libre on October 6 and 7, 1972.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[*Translation*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE AID REACHES THOSE FOR WHOM IT IS INTENDED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on an urgent and important matter.

Considering that Canada, as a member of the Commonwealth, supplied Mozambique with powdered milk intended for the children of that country, and the fact that this powdered milk never reached the people in need who were dying of hunger, but was distributed instead to the members of Fidel Castro communist guerrillas stationed in Mozambique, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That a committee of the House be requested to study once again Canada's external aid so that we may feed the needy instead of those who want the revolution and our destruction.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[*English*]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

BREAK-IN AT PRAXIS CORPORATION—INVESTIGATION OF PERSONS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question relates to the whole matter which will be the subject of a debate later this week, namely that of illegal break-ins by certain police agencies, and has regard to a whole range of unanswered questions with respect to the break-in and arson at the office of the Praxis Corporation in Toronto, particularly in light of the fact that the loot which resulted from the theft ended up in the custody of the RCMP and, subsequently, in the Solicitor General's office. Meeting with the Solicitor General yesterday, I informed him of evidence which came into my possession over the weekend with respect to names, places and events in connection with this break-in. Is the Solicitor General prepared to inform the House today what action he has undertaken, or is undertaking, to have this information verified and the persons I have named investigated?

Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General): I wish to thank the hon. member for meeting with me yesterday afternoon and leaving information with me. I thought at the end of our meeting that he would wait some time before bringing the matter up in the House so that I might have had an opportunity to determine whether some of the allegations contained in the hon. member's information were founded or not founded. I have examined the matter with the RCMP and instructed my officials to bring all the information which the hon. member brought to my attention directly to the attorney general of Ontario because the information he did bring to me, while it related to the possible participation of members of other forces in a possible break-in at the Praxis Institute, did not in any way refer to a break-in in which the RCMP would have participated.

I should recall to the hon. member that all documents in the possession of the RCMP were turned over to the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department a few months ago for examination and the matter was inquired into by the Metropolitan Police Department. Also, it was brought to the attention of the Crown attorney under the jurisdiction of the attorney general of Ontario and he concluded that no criminal offence had been committed by any member of the force in connection with the possession of stolen documents.

As to the break-in itself, the information the hon. member passed on to me indicated that it would have been perpetrated by members of another police force and I am getting in touch immediately with the attorney general of Ontario to ensure that this information is brought to his attention in view of the fact, as has been many times stated in the House, that the enforcement of the Criminal Code under the present constitutional set-up, which hon. members on the other side have always said was too centralized in the hands of the federal