

between my officials and those of Energy, Mines and Resources on this question.

**Mr. Saltsman:** As a supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Perhaps we might return to the hon. member if there is time, but at this point we are running short of time for the question period.

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### VIET NAM—FURNISHING OF INFORMATION TO CIA BY BRIGADIER KETCHESON

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It has been reported that a Brigadier Donald Ketcheson has said that during his time of service with the International Control Commission in Viet Nam, in 1958 and 1959, he regularly furnished the American CIA with information about troop movements and that the Canadian Department of External Affairs was aware of this and looked the other way. Would the minister investigate this matter, report to the House and give an assurance that this sort of conduct will not be tolerated in the future?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. As I understand it these events related to the period 1958-59, and as far as I know the Canadian government has always acted scrupulously in this respect. Certainly, I know of no repetition. As I read the report it concerned an officer who said he had done this, not with the consent of the Canadian government but behind their backs.

[Translation]

#### BROADCASTING, FILMS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS

##### CYC—SUGGESTED BROADENING OF COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Prime Minister? Considering that the serious charges made by the chairman of the Executive Committee of Montreal against the Company of Young Canadians are of a judicial nature, and considering that the committee which is investigating this matter is concerned only with the legislative and administrative

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aspects, does the Prime Minister intend to extend terms of reference of the committee so that Mr. Saulnier can testify without interfering with the committee's proceedings?

**Mr. Speaker:** It seems to me that a similar question has been asked a few days ago. I am not sure whether it has been answered but, if an answer has not already been given, it could perhaps be given now.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I do not remember either whether this particular question has been answered, but the situation remains the same. Parliament has given the committee terms of reference it thought justified. We believe that it belongs to the committee to examine the organisation and operation of the Company of Young Canadians and to submit a report to the government. We believe that this parliamentary committee should not inquire into matters of subversion and other indictable offences. Of course, the administration of justice is aimed at insuring that those who might be found guilty of indictable offences are prosecuted in court. It is not the role of the parliamentary committee, as we understand it, to inquire and make sure that such prosecutions are carried on.

[English]

### GRAIN

#### STATEMENT BY MINISTER TO WINNIPEG "FREE PRESS" ON SALES

**Mr. A. C. Cadieu (Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang), but in his absence possibly the Prime Minister would like to answer it. I want to ask if he was stating government policy when he told the *Winnipeg Free Press* the other day that grain sales would not help the farmers?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for South Shore.

**Mr. Cadieu (Meadow Lake):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Prime Minister think that farmers can make a living for themselves and their families running skating rinks or trout farms on their land?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Perhaps the hon. member is seeking to continue the debate we had yesterday. I suggest this cannot be done during the question period.