

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

Correspondence is to be addressed to Pixie Records, Inc., and an address in New York is given. I would gather that a student at the university could make application and receive records that would in effect advertise the use of a drug that the health department tells us it is endeavouring to restrict.

At the same time there is an article in today's *Globe and Mail* featuring an individual who appeared last evening on the program "Sunday". The headline says, "Ginsberg Asks LSD For All". The individual mentioned has come to Canada and has been given a tremendous amount of free publicity. I suspect he was paid for his services to the C.B.C. last evening.

I have two points of query. First, if it is the intention actively to prevent the entry of this drug, why allow unscrupulous operators to build up a demand for the drug? I referred to the University of Saskatchewan, but I know that the advertisement in question also appeared in the University of British Columbia paper in Vancouver. I expect it has appeared clear across the country. I want to know whether these records are actually allowed into the country, whether any effort is made to keep them out and what sort of check is kept on this traffic. I want to know also whether the record does not provide an avenue for the drug itself to come in later.

The other point of query is, why should the C.B.C. subvert the efforts of the health department? If Mr. Ginsberg comes to Canada it should be at his own expense and not at the invitation of a body supported by the Canadian taxpayer. The entire program on

which he appeared last evening has been built round the concept of psychedelic experience. I would ask why, in the name of art, public affairs or anything else should we be engaged in the subsidizing of the spread of a drug that the health department has admitted is a menace to the country.

Finally, should anyone suggest there is any political advantage in my raising the subject I should like to direct his attention to a very interesting article by Peter Gzowski in the *Toronto Star* of November 16 entitled "Why Pot Threatens Canada's New Left". I would suggest it might be time something threatened Canada's new left but I do not think we need the threat of LSD even there. I feel it is time that we ceased sitting around with folded hands waiting for this menace to grow to a proportion where we cannot stop it. Over and over again in the articles I have mentioned and in other articles the assumption is that the battle already is won. I feel that as the parliament of Canada it is our duty to make every effort to prevent the spread of this menace in our country.

Mrs. Margaret Rideout (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I must re-emphasize the minister's statement that the Department of National Health and Welfare has had consultations with the R.C.M.P. and with the Department of Justice. Appropriate action is now under consideration. We are also looking into the importation of the record made by Dr. Timothy Leary.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.20 p.m.