

Inquiries of the Ministry

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is anything in the newspaper story that the hon. member and I both read to change the facts of the situation, namely, that we have received legal advice from counsel in the United States that there would be no purpose in attempting to reopen the case. I only wish the hon. member would be as interested in the administration of justice as he is in playing politics.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, if I, too, were a prima donna I would demand retraction of that remark because, as we all know, Members of Parliament are not allowed to make such remarks. However, I will not.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Témiscamingue.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker—

[*English*]

Mr. Hees: A supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: I wonder whether the hon. member will allow the hon. member for Témiscamingue, whom I have already recognized, to ask his question and I will return to the hon. member in just a moment.

[*Later:*]

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question to the Minister of Justice. As the same memo to Mr. Rogers from Mr. Aldrich recommended that Canada be informed that "as a matter of law the Canadian government is free to make a second request through the courts for the extradition of Harold Banks", is it the intention of the government to make a second request?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I can only reply by quoting from the same report to which the hon. member addressed himself. I quote:

Reports from our Canadian posts generally indicate that the Canadian political interest stems more from attempts to embarrass the Canadian federal government than from an interest in the return of Mr. Banks.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hees: My question remains unanswered, Mr. Speaker. I would ask the Minister of Justice a further supplementary: Who played politics more with Mr. Banks than did the hon. member?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

[*Mr. Hees.*]

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

MONTREAL—ACTION OF EMPLOYEE WITH RESPECT TO DEMONSTRATION AGAINST QUEBEC BILL 63

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Secretary of State.

On the occasion of the famous demonstration against Bill 63 now before the Quebec National Assembly, a C.B.C. employee called the leaders of the Rouyn CEGEP, asking them to organize the said demonstration.

Does the Secretary of State know that some C.B.C. employees use the Corporation's telephones to organize similar demonstrations in remote areas such as Rouyn-Noranda? If not, would he inquire about the situation with a view to determining which C.B.C. employee made that telephone call to the Rouyn CEGEP?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am unaware of this fact, but I agree to inquire.

[*English*]

UNITED NATIONS

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—CANADA'S POSITION ON ADMISSION

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): My question is for the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In light of the fact that the discussions leading to diplomatic relations between Canada and the People's Republic of China are apparently progressing favourably, will the Prime Minister consider making a statement to the House explaining why the government of Canada did not propose to the United Nations the seating of the People's Republic of China in that body, without prejudice to the eventual position to be held there by the government of Taiwan?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I would not make such a statement, Mr. Speaker, because I have nothing to add to what the Secretary of State for External Affairs has said in previous explanations.

DRUGS

MARIJUANA—STUDY OF EFFECTS ON HUMANS

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): My question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister initiated a study by his department concern-