

*Oral Questions*

officials have increased their monitoring of the situation and will continue to do so in every effort to stop cigarette smuggling.

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Madam Speaker, there are presently 17 RCMP officers patrolling the whole area, all of whom are temporary people. Seldom do we see anyone there for more than one or two weeks before being transferred elsewhere.

[Translation]

I would therefore ask the minister to take this matter seriously. Five hundred million dollars in taxes have been lost. There have been fights in Akwesasne, there have been murders and the rest. When will the government start taking smuggling seriously in this country? It is a very serious problem, not just for my riding, but for the entire country.

[English]

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I can assure my hon. friend that the RCMP, customs officials and the government take the situation at Akwesasne seriously and are taking all steps to eliminate cigarette smuggling.

Obviously it still exists to a certain extent. We are doing everything we can to eliminate it.

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**RACISM**

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. This week all members of Parliament were among those unfortunate enough to receive a disgusting anti-Semitic and racist analysis of Canadian history in their offices. The book called *Stop Apologizing* is a lengthy diatribe against Canadians who were not born white or raised Protestant.

I know that the minister is concerned, as we all are, about increasing racism in the country. Will she, in her role as Attorney General, review the document which all of us have received in our office to determine its possible infringement of the hate literature provisions of the Criminal Code and then undertake to lay any appropriate charges?

**Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I have not seen

the document to which the hon. member refers. Perhaps there is a copy in my office. However, I share his concern if it is in violation of the hate literature provisions of the Criminal Code.

Charges laid under the Criminal Code are laid by the provincial attorneys general, except in the territories. However, I would be very happy to review the document and call it to the attention of my provincial colleagues for their review and possible action.

**Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth):** Madam Speaker, I too wish to ask a question of the minister. The issue that was raised by the House leader for the New Democratic Party is indeed a very serious issue.

I looked at this publication last night and must say that I have never received a more offensive publication in my office through the mail in my life. There are allegations and insinuations in it against every race, every religion and every colour but white. It is absolutely offensive.

I ask the minister to review this matter today and take every appropriate action to ensure that this type of hate literature has no place in the mails or in any office in Canada.

**Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Madam Speaker, I am very happy to refer the hon. member's comments to the Minister of National Revenue in case there is an element with respect to customs and excise and importation.

I would say to the hon. member what I said to the House leader of the New Democratic Party. If he wishes to communicate directly with the Attorney General of Ontario or with his own province that is the fastest way to draw attention to this. I am happy to review it, but I do not have the authority under the Criminal Code to lay charges under the Criminal Code.

**Some hon. members:** What about the post office?

**Ms. Campbell (Vancouver Centre):** There is a chorus of suggestions with respect to the post office for which I am very grateful. The minister responsible for Canada Post is in the House. I believe this would be a question also to be dealt with by the minister responsible for customs and excise. I am happy to take that comment under advisement and refer it to the appropriate ministers.