

individuals and groups of the statement made by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to the effect that the FLQ had infiltrated virtually all the major institutions in Quebec, including our political party among others, would the Prime Minister consider making a statement as soon as possible in the House providing documentary evidence of this statement?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I do not accept the premise, Mr. Speaker, so I have no intention of making such a statement.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### RECONSIDERATION OF CLOSING OF RIVERS AIR BASE

**Mr. Craig Stewart (Marquette):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. Has the decision to close the Canadian Armed Forces base at Rivers, Manitoba, been reconsidered, since it is the only suitable airfield available for transporting troops in any emergency from Camp Shilo, as was shown by the extreme difficulties experienced last week in the enforced reactivating of Rivers in order to move troops to Montreal?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, these facts were very much taken into account when the earlier decisions were arrived at but there has been no reconsideration since the event the hon. member has referred to.

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### NATIONAL SECURITY

#### ALLEGATION BY MAYOR OF MONTREAL THAT FRAP IS HAVEN FOR TERRORISTS AND REVOLUTIONARIES

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Solicitor General. Can he indicate whether the contentions of Mr. Drapeau concerning the FRAP organization in Montreal, which has been widely publicized during the last day, were communicated to the federal government or to the RCMP and, if so, were they communicated with supporting information and evidence?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, there is an election in Montreal this weekend and the question seems to be designed to bring out information with relation to that election. As I indicated earlier, I have no intention whatever of being drawn into this municipal election by any member of this House. It would not be a proper use of my role in the House to let myself be drawn into that situation. I will look at the hon. member's question very carefully and if there is any information sought in the question that can be provided on Monday I will try to do so.

### Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENTS IN ALLEGED REVOLUTIONARY MAGAZINE

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the right hon. Prime Minister in connection with FLQ infiltration in all circles.

Is the Prime Minister aware that the Civil Service Commission is attempting to recruit civil servants through competitions advertised in *Le Quartier Latin*, a clearly revolutionary sheet supporting separatism and the FLQ?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member can find this information. He is asking if the right hon. Prime Minister is aware of this fact, and I do not believe that the question asked in this manner is acceptable.

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[English]

### POLLUTION

#### FURTHER REDUCTION OF PHOSPHATE CONTENT IN DETERGENTS—INVESTIGATION OF SUBSTITUTES

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Has any decision been made on the further reduction of the phosphate content in detergents under the provisions of the Canada Water Act?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the government banned the content of phosphorous pentoxide in detergents to the extent of 20 per cent by weight as of August 1, and banned the use of phosphates altogether by January 1, 1972. At the time of the ban the industry said it was scientifically impossible to achieve these two objectives, either the 20 per cent by August 1 or the January 1, 1972, total ban. I note now that some of the industry has full page advertisements to the effect that they have already achieved 100 per cent removal of phosphates from detergents, and we are reviewing to see whether or not the January 1, 1972, date can be brought forward.

**Mr. Aiken:** Before asking my supplementary I would urge the minister first to proceed as quickly as possible. Is any intermediate order intended between now and the final ban?

**Mr. Greene:** Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that a diminishing of quantities would be useful. It would be technically difficult and would not do a great deal of good. I think the thing to investigate, now that the industry has been able to make their scientific progress much more rapid than they had anticipated, and the most useful exercise to perform, is to find out how quickly we can push the January 1, 1972, date forward.

**Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister whether his department