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Another matter that entered into the file had to do with some difficulty we had when I was in the air force. We had a problem which was quite a simple one. We lived in town, lived off the station. We arrived at the station on several occasions a few minutes late because the buses, just as the buses in the city of Ottawa are at the present time, were very crowded at peak periods. We got to the station late and they confined us to barracks. A number of us were sitting around having coffee and we decided that this was not fair. We were working from eight o'clock in the morning until about five at night and it was not fair to confine us to barracks because we were late. The minister can laugh; the minister can think this is a big joke; but this is in my own particular file. This is the type of evaluation that the minister and his department are giving to the immigration authorities which causes people embarrassment every time they cross the border. You say you give it no evaluation, but I am telling you what is in it. It is the type of file you would have, too, if you had attended a communist meeting for one purpose or another.

In this particular case you may even refer to it as a sitdown strike. We did not repair the aircraft on which we were working. We accumulated, by arrangement, more aircraft on the field than were normally held there and a meeting was held in the squadron I was with. They told us if we did not come in, if we were late or did not work overtime at night, then we had to put in another four or five hours. Now, nothing was ever said about it but, according to the commissioner of the R.C.M.P. at that time, these were the two things that happened to be on this particular file on me. These things were in the R.C.M.P. file. One of them came from the air force and another one came from a veterans' school.

I suggest that these are not the kind of files that protect us against security risks. I have done many things that were much stronger than those since then, and the file might be accumulating a great deal of weight. I do not believe any of those things were unpatriotic. I do not believe any of them have been breaches of security of Canada as a nation. These files are the type that should be disposed of. If the minister says that we cannot disclose this information because it would be a security risk, then I say I believe the minister is wrong. If he gets up and tells me that is his opinion, then I am going to spend the next six months finding out just exactly what some of these individuals in the R.C.M.P. do. I am going to check and find out what some of the officials do, because some of these officials must have small,

[Mr. Peters.]

narrow, little minds that should be investigated. If this is the type of security that they are affording to our country, it is time for a change in the regulations that govern it.

I have no objection whatever to investigating and keeping a file on people who are acting against the security of this nation; that has to be done. There are many people, even housewives of whom I know in the town of Timmins who have been investigated because they knew somebody who had a brother or was connected in some way with the labour progressive party. We are going to have to deal with these files, and we are only going to keep those files which serve some purpose. The rest of them should be thrown out the window.

Mr. Pickersgill: Just before the item carries, I wanted to ask the minister if he was aware of a publication called *Canadian Intelligence Digest*. I should like to tell him why I am asking this question. This periodical—I suggest that is the way to describe it—that is distributed gives the impression that it has some official or quasi-official connection. I know it reaches my desk in some fashion unsolicited by me. I think it would be useful if the minister would indicate quite clearly it has no connection whatever with the police or with the department.

Mr. Fulton: I have not seen what is known as the *Canadian Intelligence Digest* for some time, and upon which my friend bases his statement that it does give some impression it is a semi-official publication. The reason I have not seen it is that it does not get any closer to me now than my wastepaper basket.

Mr. Pickersgill: The minister has a secretarial staff, and I have not.

Mr. Fulton: I have not seen it myself, but I have no hesitation in saying it has no connection whatever with the R.C.M.P. or any department or agency of government.

Mr. Pearson: Can the minister also give the committee the assurance that the kind of information which my hon. friend has spoken about could not get into the hands of the authorities of the United States in a way which would prevent him being permitted to enter the United States? I do not question the right of the United States to keep out anybody they want to keep out, but I should like assurance that they could not keep Canadians out on the basis of information obtained in that way.

Mr. Fulton: Nothing that the hon. gentleman thought was on his file was of a nature that would be communicated in the manner raised by the Leader of the Opposition. I was