

Questions

Mr. Choquette: The Leader of the Opposition, in spite of the rules of the house, has imputed motives to a member—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

[English]

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the Leader of the Opposition rising on a new question of privilege or point of order?

Mr. Diefenbaker: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I must say that what the hon. gentleman has said was enveloped in noise and one was not able to understand his remarks. However, I am sure that when they appear in *Hansard* they will be equally incoherent.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Pearson: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could ask Your Honour to intervene to bring this contest between these two parliamentary giants to an end.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Speaker, in view of what the Prime Minister has said, I suggest it would take someone much bigger than he.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

ADVERTISING RESPECTING NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

Question No. 48—**Mr. Irvine:**

1. Were ten pages of advertising inserted by any department or branch of the government in the *Toronto Daily Star* on or about June 15, 1965, regarding "proposed federal electoral districts"?

2. If so, what was the cost of such insertion?

3. How many other papers weekly and daily were used in this program?

4. What was the total lineage?

5. What was the total cost for this entire program?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): As was stated in reply to question No. 148 on February 2, 1966, pages 585-6 of *Hansard*, the commissions set up under the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act do not report to the government so that the government does not have records giving the information sought in this question. Under section 10 of the act the commissions are not agencies of Her Majesty. Reports of the commissions are made directly to the House of Commons.

[Mr. Speaker.]

ALBERTA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

Question No. 202—**Mr. Lambert:**

1. In what places did the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta hold public hearings?

2. On what date and at what hour was each such hearing held?

3. What members of the commission attended each such hearing?

4. What staff of the commission attended each such hearing?

5. Was any transcript taken of the proceedings of each such hearing and, if not, what precisely was the nature of the record made of the proceedings at each such meeting and by whom was it made?

6. By what method were members of the commission who absented themselves from any of such hearings informed of the nature of the representations made by persons appearing before the commission?

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REASONS FOR ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES, ALBERTA

Question No. 212—**Mr. Lambert:**

Were any reasons for the changes made in the electoral boundaries of the federal constituencies of the province of Alberta compiled in either detailed form or in résumé and, if so, are these available for consideration by members of the House of Commons and the public?

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VICTOR SPENCER—COST OF SURVEILLANCE

Question No. 413—**Mr. Mather:**

What, in dollars, is the monthly cost of surveillance as applied to George Victor Spencer?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): It is not deemed in the public interest to disclose amounts spent in security and intelligence matters.