

Oral Questions

That the government initiate forthwith a comprehensive, over-all investigation into terrorist and subversive activities in Canada as a whole, during which time all travel or movement of so-called Soviet diplomats operating in Ottawa be restricted to the national capital region, as well as those diplomats from any other nation that may be implicated during the investigation; and, further, that the screening process of incoming personnel from such nations be improved in such a way that no individuals who have previously, in any way shape or form, experienced guerilla or espionage training with the KGB or any related agency or organization, be allowed entry into Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion can be presented for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CANADIAN FLAG**DISPLAY IN COURTS ESTABLISHED BY PARLIAMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I seek unanimous consent, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, to move the following motion:

Whereas by a resolution of this House the Canadian flag stands unfurled beside Mr. Speaker's chair; and

Whereas the federal presence is now more than ever required to be seen, in particular the principal symbol of nationhood and unity;

This House asks that arrangements be made for the Canadian flag to be placed to the right of the bench of the presiding judge in all courts established by the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In accordance with Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion for discussion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL SECURITY**GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE OF RUSSIAN AND CUBAN-TRAINED TERRORISTS**

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Solicitor General, may I direct my question to the Minister of Justice, whom I presume is the Acting Solicitor General? Will he advise the House whether, as has been

reported, there are more than 300 Russian and Cuban-trained terrorists active in the Montreal area, and does the government intend to wait until acts of terrorism break out, or is it its policy to keep these people under surveillance so immediate arrests can be made at the first sign of any terrorism?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I did not see the program to which the hon. member refers, but I should like to say that the RCMP is reviewing the allegations made. I assure you, Mr. Speaker, and the House that in my view the RCMP are fully familiar with what is going on and are able to take action against it.

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Mr. Jarvis: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Acting Solicitor General. What action is being taken to identify former strong-arm members of the infamous Deuxième Bureau, in Algeria, who according to reports are now relocated, or were relocated, in Montreal? Will these people lose their citizenship if untruthful statements are found in the applications for citizenship?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, I think it would be unwise to answer the first question, and the second question is hypothetical.

Mr. Jarvis: Mr. Speaker, what action is the government taking in order to ensure that Canadian security services have adequate personnel and resources in order to cope with and contain what appears to be a most serious threat to the national security of Canada?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, by supporting the security service, as we have throughout the history of this government.

GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD TERRORISTS AND ESPIONAGE AGENTS OPERATING IN CANADA

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice. Since it is apparent that it is the government's policy to continue to allow terrorists and KGB espionage agents to operate in Canada, despite last year's government policy as stated to the House by the former solicitor general, can we now receive assurances from the government, through the Minister of Justice, that this irresponsible policy will be changed forthwith and appropriate action will be taken to reverse these permissive trends?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I think appropriate action is taken when that action is appropriate.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski: One more time.

Mr. Basford: As the action taken last week indicates, when these matters are documented by the security service, action is taken.