

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

ALLEGED SUPPORT OF PREMIER BOURASSA BY PRIME MINISTER IN DEALING WITH CONSTRUCTION UNIONS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. As the Prime Minister has said that he backs the action the Premier of Quebec is taking following the publication of the Cliche report how does the Prime Minister, in giving his unqualified backing, justify Mr. Bourassa placing all the blame on Quebec construction unions going considerably farther than the report recommends while placing none of the blame or penalties on the members of the Quebec government and their civil servants who were seriously implicated by the report, and who remain unrestricted in their activities today and in the future?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, that is the latest example of the hon. member's non-sequiturs. All I said was that the Premier of Quebec was right in saying the social order had pre-eminence over holding the olympics. That is all I said. If the hon. member wants to discuss my ideas about other things, he can ask about them independently in respect of Quebec.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, as the Prime Minister has indicated he does not support all that Mr. Bourassa is doing in respect of this report, I should like to ask him if he would come clean with this House and tell this Parliament just what aspects of Mr. Bourassa's program he does not agree with.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

JAMAICA—GOVERNMENT VIEW OF ALLEGED STATEMENT BY HIGH COMMISSIONER CONCERNING TORONTO POLICE

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. It has to do with the very despicable murder of a boy of Jamaican origin, Michael Habbib, who was brutally murdered in the city of Toronto following which the High Commissioner for Jamaica in Canada charged the Toronto police as being extremely racist, uncultured and inhuman and made this statement:

I am extremely dissatisfied with the administration of justice when there are clashes between my people and the police.

These statements are totally out of keeping with the position of one who is High Commissioner for another country to our country, and I would ask the Prime Minister whether he has been in touch with the Government of Jamaica in connection with these most reprehensible words and what the attitude of that government is to the statements I have brought to his attention.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member brought to my attention a statement to which I was not listening, because he did not say the question was directed to me and I must apologize.

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Mr. Diefenbaker: I did.

Mr. Sharp: At the very end.

Mr. Trudeau: It was not until the very end that he mentioned my name. I will gladly read *Hansard* and see if I can supply an answer to the problem.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, apparently the Prime Minister was not listening. I referred to him at the very beginning and I always refer to him as "right honourable", a lesson he might learn about propriety in this House.

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SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF THE HERITAGE OF CANADA

SUGGESTED REIMBURSEMENT OF STUDENTS DUPED BY THE SOCIETY

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Since the minister's department funded the Society for the Study of the Heritage of Canada to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars, thus assisting it to take advantage of the many students who are presently owed money, I should like to ask the hon. gentleman if he plans to make any funds available to reimburse or otherwise compensate those students who have been duped by the activities of an organization which apparently the government and the minister allowed to proceed with very little if any supervision or monitoring?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I think before the hon. member draws conclusions of that type he might wait for the report I promised him which is ready but is being translated into French, and which I hope to have either later this afternoon or tomorrow. After he has had a chance to read that, he might want to raise a question.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF PROPER USE OF FUNDS FOR NATIVE STUDY PROGRAM UNDER AUSPICES OF SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE HERITAGE OF CANADA

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): I hope the minister will be able to deal with this particular aspect of the reimbursement of students who have been affected.

I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the native study program announced from Ottawa in a press release from the minister's department on January 15 of this year, apparently under the auspices of the now insolvent Society for the Study of the Heritage of Canada, can the minister confirm that all the funds advanced pursuant to this program have been properly utilized, and, if not, where did these funds go, the minister, I am sure, being aware that the Stony Indians themselves cancelled their participation in this program some time ago?