

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

tor in order to obtain an agreement providing for the release of James Cross in exchange for that of the so-called political prisoners, as required by the FLQ?

**Mr. André Ouellet (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think that the question raised by the hon. member for Shefford is of direct concern to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The latter has indicated that he was available to act as intermediary in some cases, but that the request should come from a government and not from a criminal organization.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Rondeau:** I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Since such a request can only come from the British or the Canadian government, does the latter intend to ask for the intervention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations?

**Mr. Ouellet:** I have already answered the question, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

## FURTHER STEPS TO SECURE RELEASE OF JAMES CROSS

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Would the Prime Minister be prepared to make a statement on motions as to what further steps may be taken in order to secure the release of Mr. James Cross in view of reports in recent days that he may still be alive and that, hopefully, his freedom might be secured?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the offer which was made much earlier by the government of Quebec and by this government to ensure the safe conduct of the kidnapers out of the country in return for the safe release of Mr. Cross still stands. If through one mediator or another the FLQ wants to discuss this with the government, we are still prepared to discuss it.

## EFFECTIVE LIAISON BETWEEN POLICE FORCES

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** In view of the apparent difficulty in establishing and maintaining effective liaison between the various police forces involved, has the Prime Minister personally checked into this to assure himself that there is effective liaison between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the provincial police? Can he assure the House that this type of liaison exists and that the various police forces are working together as a team?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I discussed this with the Solicitor General and he might be able to report in greater detail in reply to a question directed to him. It is my understanding that an increased effort is being made to co-ordinate the work of the three police forces and that a special group has recently been constituted for this purpose.

[Mr. Rondeau.]

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

## SUGGESTED RETENTION OF RADAR AND COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL AT CLINTON

**Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron):** I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. According to reports last week, the department will have to spend \$1,200,000 on construction at Canadian Forces Base, Kingston, to facilitate the establishment there of the radar and communications school now housed on the Canadian Forces Base at Clinton. Will the minister not consider having this school remain at Clinton where there are already adequate facilities, along with other training programs which are being considered by various departments, both federal and provincial?

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest to the hon. member that his question is in the form of a submission or representation to the minister; I do not think it is acceptable as a question at this time. If there is urgency, the hon. member might give notice of his intention to discuss the matter at ten o'clock.

**Mr. McKinley:** Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Woolliams:** A supplementary question—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member obviously cannot ask a supplementary to a question which has been ruled unacceptable.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. McKinley:** My question is quite urgent, Mr. Speaker, because some of the facilities are being transferred at the present time. Could the minister give us an assurance that no more fixtures will be moved from the Canadian Forces Base at Clinton until a final disposition concerning the base has been made?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have already suggested to the hon. member that his important question might well be debated at the time of adjournment. I am sure he would wish to ask his supplementary at that time.

## ADEQUACY OF ARMED FORCES TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL SECURITY

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of National Defence whether, in light of the use of the armed forces in the province of Quebec, his department has reached any conclusion that the standing forces as they now exist are inadequate even for the purpose to which I have alluded?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** No, sir, we have not come to that conclusion. However, an assessment has now been made in connection with that operation, and the results of this assessment will undoubtedly find their way into the white paper on defence policy some time next year.

[*Later:*]

**Mr. Woolliams:** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Defence arising out of the minis-