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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PARIS—OCCUPATION OF CANADA HOUSE BY CERTAIN QUEBEC STUDENTS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Whereas a Montreal newspaper has reported in its yesterday's edition that Canada House in Paris has been occupied since last Sunday by something like a hundred students from Quebec, and whereas some of them have indicated that they were in agreement with the contents of the FLQ manifesto and that they intend to launch in the low-class districts a subscription campaign in favour of the FLQ prisoners, would the minister be in a position to state whether this report is true and whether the government has taken action with respect to this occupation?

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Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I think it is significant that the students have already ended their occupancy of Maison Canadienne.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

NEW BRUNSWICK—PAYMENT OF COST OF MEDICARE PUBLICITY

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare in connection with the very massive expenditure of what appears to be thousands of dollars for newspaper advertisements, television, radio and other publicity regarding medicare in New Brunswick? Is the federal government involved directly in this cost? In other words, is the government paying the cost or is the province of New Brunswick picking up the tab?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, this would depend on the nature of the advertising. As the hon. member knows, this is a cost-shared program and I would have to look at it in more detail to determine whether this is really part of the administration of medicare.

Mr. Forrestall: I have a very brief supplementary question which I think is justification for the original question. I would ask the minister whether or not the federal government approved the very direct identification of the Liberal party in such publication of the present medicare program proposals?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would not think that the question can be asked in those terms. If there is urgency in respect of the search for this kind of information, which is not apparent to the Chair, the hon. member might give notice of his desire to have the matter considered at the time of adjournment.

Mr. Forrestall: Perhaps the Minister of National Health and Welfare and I might discuss this at ten o'clock.

Inquiries of the Ministry

NATIONAL SECURITY

QUANTITY OF WEAPONS SEIZED IN RAIDS—AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION LEADING TO INVOKING OF WAR MEASURES ACT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Solicitor General. In view of the statement made last Friday in the House by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to the effect that the FLQ has thousands of guns, rifles, machine guns, bombs and about 2,000 pounds of dynamite, and in view of the concern that this has very naturally caused in many quarters, I should like to ask the Solicitor General whether since that time any quantity of these offensive weapons has been seized as a result of the raids which have been going on since the War Measures Act was proclaimed.

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): As far as I am aware, Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. I presume the hon. member means substantial quantities.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I ask a supplementary of the Prime Minister. In view of the statements that have been made not only by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion but by the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Labour regarding intelligence information which the government had and on which it based its contention that there was a state of apprehended insurrection, may I ask him whether it is the intention of the government, or if the government would be willing, to make the contents of that report available to hon. members or, if there is some reason for keeping it confidential for the time being, would he be prepared to make that information available to the various political parties in the House on a confidential basis?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I will consider that suggestion, Mr. Speaker. I might remind the hon. member, however, that insurrection can be a technique which is used without all that quantity of dynamite. Perhaps I could refer the hon. member to some reading material on the theory of insurrection which might be of assistance to him.

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AIR TRANSPORT

ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING ATHABASCA AIRWAYS PILOT

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transport. I ask him whether the Athabasca Airways pilot, Mr. Hamilton, who has been missing since September 30—

An hon. Member: We can't hear you.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I beg your pardon?

An hon. Member: Speak into your microphone.

Mr. Diefenbaker: My microphone has not been working for the last half hour. I will speak up. The RCAF has