

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

The Prime Minister replied as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the government will certainly not take any decision until the parliamentary committee's report on the matter is published.

The hon. member then asked:

I should like to ask a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Is the Prime Minister aware that the terms of reference of the committee do not include looking into subversive activities in general, but simply into the activities of the Company of Young Canadians. That is why I am asking this question.

● (10:10 p.m.)

Then I followed through very much the same point. I think my hon. friend had asked it all. The following is reported at page 1486:

I have a question for the Prime Minister. In the light of his earlier reply to the hon. member for St. Mary—

I said "Sainte-Marie," Mr. Speaker, but for some reason it came out "St. Mary"

—will the government be willing to receive a recommendation from the Broadcasting Committee on Mr. Saulnier's request for a royal commission on subversion?

The Prime Minister replied:

I suppose the proper thing to do would be to wait for the committee to report, and I always like to do the proper thing.

Well, God bless him! Since the committee will not report before tomorrow morning, I cannot really tell the House what it will regard as the proper thing to do. However, there are a couple of points which in my opinion should be made. First, with regard to the Royal Commission on Security which reported to us earlier this year, while it did report in part, it did not report in full on its deliberations. The point I am making is that we members of the House of Commons have no idea what was omitted from the report of the researches and studies of the Royal Commission on Security. I think, therefore, that our questions in this area are legitimate.

Until we are given the facts, we cannot say the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is scuffing this off; it would be most unfair if we did. But we must ask him whether the objectives of what I consider to be a legitimate request by Mr. Saulnier are being met. Are we, as Members of Parliament, in a position properly to appreciate the type of subversive activity which is going on in Canada and the steps being taken by the forces of law and order to meet those activities?

Second, if hon. members accept my suggestion that Mr. Saulnier's request is a legitimate

must be serviced promptly and without delay. To this end the National Harbours Board retains secondary berthing control at all facilities and may require the operator to accept vessels even where such acceptance may be inconvenient to the operator. In addition, the Board retains full berthing control over berths 4, 5, 6 at Centennial Pier.

Changes in transportation technology and the rapid evolution of containerization require the maximum flexibility in harbour operating arrangements. To this end, the five-year agreements are subject to cancellation upon six months' notice without cause at any time after the first year. The principal monetary consideration, secured by way of competitive proposals, is a guaranteed minimum annual payment to be realized from the sum of berthage and wharfage revenues all of which accrue to the Board.

I will bring to the attention of the minister the hon. member's questions with regard to the crane and the facilities at Vancouver harbour. I am sure the minister will be happy to answer the hon. member's questions so that he will understand the situation. I hope everyone at Vancouver harbour will be satisfied.

NATIONAL SECURITY—ACCEPTANCE OF POSSIBLE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR ROYAL COMMISSION ON SUBVERSION

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, during the past week some of us in the House of Commons have learned how to mix a good Molotov cocktail, how to poison police horses instantly and how to run a very successful revolution from the word "go". In other words, we were the poor unfortunates who were members of the committee studying the subject of the Company of Young Canadians. On December 2, my colleague the hon. member for Sainte Marie (Mr. Valade) and I raised two questions in the House and this is the reason I am before this vast and awe-inspiring assemblage tonight. As recorded at page 1479 of *Hansard*, the hon. member for Sainte Marie asked:

Mr. Speaker, so that the conquest of space should not be useless in the future, it is necessary first to put some order on our planet. Therefore, I direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Pursuant to the serious public statements made recently by Mr. Saulnier during press conferences on subversion in Canada, does the Prime Minister intend to follow up Mr. Saulnier's request for a Royal Commission on subversion in Canada?