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I would like to know why it is necessary to have the provisions of Section 41(2) of the Federal Court Act invoked under circumstances best described by Mr. Justice Deschêne of the Quebec Superior Court when he dealt at some length with a situation where this particular regressive statute was involved. It was the case of two young girls who were discharged from their employment at the Olympics. It would be interesting for all members to read the scathing remarks by Mr. Justice Deschêne regarding the appropriateness of the invocation of that regressive statute in a case which had been taken up by the Quebec Civil Rights Association. That is the kind of cover-up and the kind of abuse of statutory authority of which this government is guilty.

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

**Mr. MacKay:** There are many other members who wish to speak tonight, but I should like to say in closing that I understand the reason why the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) could not be here. I make nothing of that, because I assume he will come as soon as he has the opportunity. Perhaps he will be able to shed some light on some of these things. But I wonder, the way things are going, if we will see the incredible situation here in the House of Commons when the Prime Minister will stand up and say, "I am no crook".

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**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, we witnessed today an incredible performance on the part of the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) in answering a most serious charge. The charge is that the Solicitor General and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) of this country do not understand what is at issue in this debate. What is at issue is whether the rule of law will prevail for this government, for the police forces of Canada, and for all the people of Canada. Not once did the Solicitor General answer that particular proposition.

We are in real danger in this country. We sit in the House and we rant and rave about young people breaking the law. We are concerned with labour unions which do not abide by the law, but the law begins at home. It begins with this government, and it begins with the police forces of the country. They must honour the law of the country if we are to have respect for law at every level, and the government has failed to provide that kind of leadership.

Tonight we witnessed the Solicitor General wrapping himself in the flag and saying, "Oh you fellows over there are just carping about the RCMP. Why don't you talk about all the wonderful things the RCMP has been doing?" I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that I am proud of the RCMP. I have always supported the RCMP.

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

**Mr. Leggatt:** They are one of the finest police forces in the world. I want to say one other thing. It is the opposition that is protecting the reputation of the RCMP.

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

[Mr. MacKay.]

**Mr. Leggatt:** It is the opposition that is trying to protect the RCMP from being destroyed by an incompetent government and an incompetent minister. That is what is happening.

We cannot start this debate without trying to distinguish between political dissent and subversion, and this government has failed to understand the difference. The record shows it over and over again. In fact I will provide a memorandum to the Solicitor General. I hope he is paying attention because this is a further piece of evidence. I want the Solicitor General to read this memo, because I want him to establish its validity. It is one further reason why this government fails to understand that it is all right to attack a government but it is not all right to plant bombs. But, you see, they have been in power so long that they cannot understand the difference. "L'état c'est moi, l'état c'est nous." This is their philosophy. To be a Liberal is to have the divine right to run things in this country. That is what we have seen ever since I came to the House in 1972. They have never understood the difference.

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

**Mr. Leggatt:** The story was told earlier in the House about activities whereby the common bargaining position of the Common Front in the province of Quebec was illicitly obtained. That information subsequently found its way into the hands of the Liberal provincial government in Quebec. Those people have a right to have a common bargaining position, they have a right not to be wiretapped, spied on and broken into, and, yes, the PQ has the same right in the province of Quebec as does any other legal political party in Canada. But that distinction is not understood by the government. In fact the PQ has made a fetish of running around the province of Quebec and saying, "We are the legal government". They have done it consciously and deliberately so that they could gain support, and they have been successful in doing it. Surely this is one party that would bend over backwards not to engage in subversion if it could possibly avoid it because it would destroy its credibility in the province of Quebec.

Now I want to turn to the province of British Columbia where we had a recent ferry strike. In that province the chairman of the British Columbia Labour Relations Board is a man called Paul Weiler, the head of the B.C. Federation of Labour is a man called Len Guy, and the head of the B.C. Government Employees' Union is a man called John Fryer. I have never heard a scintilla of suspicion raised against any one of those three people in terms of subversion. However, we have been through a crisis in the province of British Columbia, we have been through an abrasive ferry strike which fortunately is over now. But I will give the Solicitor General this memo and I want him to check it out because I am worried that it might be a valid memo. It is a memo to the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) from the Hon. Allan Williams, from his special adviser, Col. Robin Bourne of security planning and analysis. I will read it into the record. It reads as follows:

Our investigation of Mr. Paul Weiler, chairman of B.C. Labour Relations Board, has now been concluded. We will forward our report to you under separate cover in the next few days. Your requests pertaining to Messrs. L. Guy