

minister, such as a Secretary of State or the Lord Chancellor, who thereby becomes not only morally but equally responsible for the legality of the act in which he takes part.

When we asked these questions, why did the minister not say it was his responsibility and that he would look into it?

If there has been an indiscretion in the planning security group, which is a civilian group, it really changed the whole image of the RCMP. It got them into the situation today where they are not able to defend themselves and where they are being blackmailed by this government right across this land.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Harquail: That is the kind of language they like. Your friends are happy now.

Mr. Woolliams: My friends are always happy, but I understand why you are not. Paranoid people are never happy. Dicey continued:

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Mr. Harquail: They'll get you!

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, this hon. member wants to speak at the same time as I do. If he wants the floor I will sit down and let him get it off his chest. He is the man who is destroying the image of this parliament across the nation because of the shouting and yelling.

Mr. Harquail: I am delighted to have been invited by the hon. member to say a few words. It is one of the few courtesies we have been shown by the opposition in recent weeks. I feel that my privileges have been trampled on in the House in the last few weeks because of the attitude taken and the language used in this chamber, and I want to say—

An hon. Member: Who's crying now?

Mr. Harquail: Do you understand me?

Mr. Gillies: We all understand you are the stupidest man in the House of Commons.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order. I should like to point out to the parliamentary secretary that he ought to raise a question of privilege when it affects him, not now.

Mr. Woolliams: I am sorry to see the hon. member for Restigouche (Mr. Harquail) in this light, because his constituents must know, now, because I have smoked him out, who has been making all the noise in parliament which has been seen over TV across the nation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: Bye-bye!

Mr. Harquail: Go ahead, you have the floor, now.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order. The hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams).

Mr. Woolliams: Hence, indirectly but surely, the action of every servant of the Crown and thereby, in effect, the Crown itself, is brought under the supremacy of the law of the land.

The acts of ministers no less than the acts of subordinate officials are made subject to the risk of law. In other words, every public servant in whatever department comes directly under the responsibility of a minister. That is the issue of the debate today and that is the reason we moved our motion. We did so because we have found that hon. members sitting on the treasury benches opposite are not prepared, as a democratic government, to accept their constitutional responsibility to be accountable to parliament.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order. I regret to inform the hon. member that his allotted time has expired.

Mr. Young: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I did not wish to interrupt the learned justice critic for the official opposition while he was in full flight, but there are two points he made which I should like him to clarify.

An hon. Member: His time is up!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order. I am prepared to listen to the point of order raised by the parliamentary secretary.

Mr. Young: Mr. Speaker, at one point in his speech the hon. member for Calgary North said it was a pity that someone threw only a pie at the learned Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford) over the week end. I do not know whether I heard him correctly, but I believe he said it was too bad it was not rocks that were thrown. I am sure he would wish to withdraw that remark.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): I am sorry. That is not a point of order.

Mr. Woolliams: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, nowhere in my speech did I say they should throw rocks. I said that when they threw pumpkin pie I hoped the seeds of the pumpkin would be as hard as rocks so that the minister would realize that when he made this, in my view, untruthful attack on the opposition, he was being opposed by public opinion across the land even though they did take a pie to do it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): I suggest to the hon. member that that is not a question of privilege but a matter of dispute.

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, Canadians have been understandably distressed to learn that police forces entered premises in Montreal without a warrant and removed records in October, 1972, and that police burnt down a barn in Quebec in the same year to prevent a meeting between members of the FLQ and the Black Panthers.