

That legislation is presently being drafted. Legislation implementing the Marin report is presently in the hands of the Department of Justice. Legislation is in the process of being drafted and would normally be introduced in the House early in the new year.

Mr. Fraser: The minister knows perfectly well that the question is this. If the right hon. Prime Minister's theory is correct that, if there is an illegal break-in, the citizen lays a charge, then how does a citizen lay a charge if the break-in is done illegally and secretly by security forces and the citizen does not know who made the break-in? How do the courts protect that citizen? This is the novel theory of the right hon. Prime Minister. There is no way whatsoever that the courts can protect the citizen—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Fraser: —unless ministers are responsible—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Fraser: —for the activities of the police which are secret and illegal—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Trudeau: Why don't you ask me the question?

Mr. Fraser: It's no use asking you any more.

Mr. Trudeau: You're too dumb to understand the answer.

Mr. Fraser: Too dumb? You must be the only one teaching that theory in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Prince George-Peace River.

INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN ONTARIO— REQUEST FOR REPORT

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General and it is with regard to an inquiry that is presently underway in the province of Ontario. On the basis of information supplied to the attorney general of that province by the Solicitor General of Canada, can the Solicitor General tell the House today what dialogue he has had with the Ontario authorities, and whether he has a report on the outcome of the inquiry which was to inquire into alleged illegal activities of the security service of our country and of officials of his department?

Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, all the information he brought to my attention was brought to the attention of the attorney general of the province of Ontario who, as I understand it, asked the Ontario police commission to launch an investigation into the matter. There has been complete co-operation between the commission and the RCMP but as yet there has been no report to me or to the attorney general of Ontario in connection with

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this matter. I assume that the investigation by the Ontario police commission is ongoing.

Mr. Oberle: I would like to ask the Solicitor General one supplementary question, that is whether he has had any discussion with his own officials and the officials of the security service of the RCMP in connection with these activities of the law enforcement agency in that province, particularly the practice of engaging agents provocateurs to do some of the dirty work which in other parts of the country has been done by the RCMP.

Mr. Fox: The answer to the question is no. So far as I am concerned, the matter is in the hands of the Ontario police commission. If the hon. member believes that agents provocateurs have been hired by the RCMP, which is not the case, I would encourage him to bring that evidence to my attention or to the attention of the McDonald Commission of inquiry which is the proper forum for investigating any such allegations.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POPLAR RIVER POWER PROJECT IN SASKATCHEWAN—ALLEGED FAILURE TO ALLAY FEARS OF UNITED STATES CONCERNING POLLUTION

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It has to do with the Poplar River power project in southern Saskatchewan near the boundary with the state of Montana. Press reports have quoted the premier of Saskatchewan as blaming the apprehension existing in Montana about pollution from that project upon the failure of the Department of External Affairs to properly pass along to the Americans the right information. I should like to ask the minister if there has been any problem in this connection to justify the allegation that his department has not in fact been communicating effectively with the United States with respect to the Poplar River project.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I saw the press reports in this regard and I made inquiries. In so far as I have been able to determine, I do not have the actual word of Premier Blakeney on this but the information I have is that the comments attributed to him were inaccurate, that he made no such claims and that he is satisfied with the position which the Canadian government and the department have taken.