

advised by the Prime Minister of Quebec and/or the mayor of Montreal that such a plan did exist for a provisional government to take over the province of Quebec, and did he believe these statements if they were made to him?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I have stated the positions on which this government acted. They included advice from the government of Quebec and from the authorities of Montreal. Whether they believed these rumours or not is a matter for them to tell the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Trudeau:** I am telling the House—

**An hon. Member:** You are evading the truth.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I am telling the House we did not act on anything else than what is before the House. I am not saying we did not have any other information, but I am saying that if hon. members opposite want to use this information, let them take the credit for it.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the hon. member for York South have a supplementary question?

**Mr. Lewis:** No, I have not, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for York South was deprived yesterday when he considered what he wanted to ask not to be a supplementary and it turned out afterwards that in my estimation it was. In light of yesterday's experience I feel sure that his question today is not supplementary, so I will recognize the hon. member for Portneuf.

[Translation]

WAR MEASURES ACT—AUTHORITY OF QUEBEC OMBUDSMAN

**Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Justice.

Could he tell us whether the ombudsman, or the protector of Quebec citizens, is subject to the regulations under the War Measures Act, or whether he can waive them, so that political prisoners may freely communicate with him?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, I did not understand the question.

**Mr. Godin:** Can the Minister of Justice tell us whether the ombudsman, or protector of Quebec citizens, is subject to the regulations under the War Measures Act, or whether he can waive them, so that political prisoners may freely communicate with him?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member is asking the Minister of Justice for a legal opinion. I do not feel that this question, as put, is in order.

### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

[English]

INFORMATION LEADING TO INVOKING OF WAR MEASURES ACT—STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In light of his repeated statement this afternoon, can he indicate why it has been necessary for members of his government to make statements outside the House, and occasionally within it, indicating there is other important information which in effect motivated the government to make the decision it did in respect of the War Measures Act?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will recognize that couched in those terms this is an argument. Perhaps he would like to rephrase the question. He asked why is it necessary for members of the government to make statements. Perhaps that question should be rephrased.

**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I will simply ask the Prime Minister whether it is government policy for ministers to make statements with respect to some of reasons concerning the apprehended insurrection in the province of Quebec?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker.

EXTENT OF SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPERS AND ASSASSINS—PARTICIPATION BY INTERPOL

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask either the Minister of Justice or the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Attorney General—

**Mr. Woolliams:** The Solicitor General.

**Mr. Korchinski:** I am sorry, the Solicitor General—whether in fact the search for the abductors and assassins is confined to the province of Quebec under the direction of the Attorney General of that province or has extended to other provinces, and whether at this particular time, in view of the fact that it is now some three weeks since the original abduction took place, Interpol has been asked to participate in the search for some of these people who may have gone to other countries?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, that is such a detailed question that I think the Solicitor General ought to answer it. I will take it as notice for him.

QUEBEC—LOCATING OF STOLEN DYNAMITE AND GUNS

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's statement and the statement of the Minister of Justice, I would like to ask the Minister of Justice whether the quantity of dynamite and the number of guns that were stolen have been found?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the police report to the Solicitor General, and I will take this question as notice for him.

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