

Inquiries of the Ministry

Minister assure the house that the Criminal Code or other federal statutes guarantee protection for Canadian citizens against this dangerous practice?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Timmins prefaced his question with a couple of statements which are not the kind that can be dealt with in reply on orders of the day, and for that reason they are contrary to the rules. The hon. gentleman then asked the Prime Minister for advice on a legal question—without offering to pay the usual fee, I understand. Unless the Prime Minister wants to answer the question I would consider it out of order.

Mr. Martin (Timmins): Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that this is advice not for my own personal benefit but for the benefit of a great many interested Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: I understand the hon. member's feelings, but on the other hand it is strictly out of order to ask the Prime Minister or any minister to give an interpretation of the Criminal Code.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRSINVITATION TO U.K. PRIME MINISTER
TO VISIT OTTAWA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether in view of the reported visit of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to Washington in March, presumably among other things to report on his journey to the Soviet union, Mr. Macmillan has been invited to come to Ottawa?

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, what I have seen in the newspapers is to the effect that Mr. Macmillan will be in Washington. If he comes to Washington, naturally in the ordinary light of events of the past he will come to Ottawa, where he always receives a warm welcome; and I am sure an invitation is extended by all hon. members.

May I add, in connection with the pilgrimage that he is making to Moscow, that I know all hon. members and indeed mankind in general hope that he will be successful in bringing about a better relationship for peace.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING
CORPORATION**FRENCH NETWORK—PROPORTION OF LIVE
PROGRAMS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of National Revenue and tell him

[Mr. Martin (Timmins).]

that I am happy to see him fully recovered and back in the house again. My question is this—incidentally, I have not given him notice, and he may take it as notice if he is not able to reply at this time—in view of the fact that for the last seven weeks a very small proportion of the programs of the French network of the C.B.C. has been live, can the minister tell the house whether this situation violates the broadcasting regulations? If so, what is the board of broadcast governors doing about this particular matter?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the medical diagnosis which the hon. member has given the house, and I trust that his reputation as a doctor will be confirmed as being as high as his reputation as a lawyer.

It seems to me that I had some little difficulty in this house some time ago in attempting to give a legal opinion on certain facts in connection with this strike, and I am not in a position to say anything about the network programming and the regulations of the board of broadcast governors.

Mr. Chevrier: Will the minister be good enough to inquire and ascertain what the position is?

Mr. Nowlan: I shall be glad to make an inquiry.

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACTAMENDMENTS RESPECTING COURT MARTIAL
APPEAL BOARD, ETC.

The house resumed, from Thursday, February 19, consideration in committee of the following resolution—Mr. Pearkes—Mr. Sevin—*in the chair*:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the National Defence Act by providing for the court martial appeal board to be reconstituted as a superior court of record, to authorize the payment of travelling allowances to its members and to provide also for the appointment of, and the payment of fees to and the travelling expenses of military advisers to the court; and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Chairman, the changes proposed in this resolution seem rather insignificant in comparison with the very lengthy and important announcement just made to the house by the Prime Minister. It is not my intention to make any lengthy comment at the present time on the proposed changes, but just to mention the various subjects briefly and reserve the right to mention them again when the bill is actually before the house.

The first matter mentioned by the minister last night was that of facility for additional integration of the Canadian armed forces.