

sive support has become apparent in light of the brief submitted by the FFHQ to minister Claude Morin and Premier Lévesque.

I would like to quote the following excerpts from that brief, to show the FFHQ's subversive tactics:

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The brief says that the FFHQ considers the PQ government as a natural ally in its offensive against the federal government and the other provinces; that same organization is offering propaganda ammunition and strategic plans to help uncover scandals in return for the support of the PQ government. The FFHQ claims that it does not trust the federal government but feels sympathetic toward the PQ government. The brief spreads the myth and the lie that French-speaking minorities feel respect for the PQ government and find inspiration in its actions, which is a complete falsehood. The brief states that the federal government is trying to compel the FFHQ to oppose Quebecers and that the FFHQ does not intend to be drawn into the game of the Canadian unity. Do you realize, Mr. Speaker, that they are saying they refuse to get involved in theoretical discussions over national unity? It is then obvious that they actually favour Quebec's independence. They talk about traps and lack of goodwill on the part of the federal government. There is a request for help from the PQ government to unmask and denounce the bad faith of the federal government.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the people from the FFHQ sent me a telegram asking me not to make any further intervention before I had met them. I agreed to meet them this morning and they handed me the document in question. Nothing has changed, Mr. Speaker, except that I am even more convinced of the dishonesty of these people. First they told me it was simply a working paper dated October 20, but the title clearly states that it has been submitted, not that it would be submitted, but that it had actually been submitted to minister Claude Morin on October 20. They may call it a draft paper if they want, the press release of November issued by the government of Quebec confirms there was a meeting with Mr. Lévesque and Mr. Morin which in a way answers the brief of October 20.

Then there is the *Globe and Mail's* report of March 2. Two days later, Mr. Speaker, the FFHQ hurried to produce two other documents dated March 4 and 5 to cover up what has happened, but, Mr. Speaker, it is too late to conceal the fact: they have got themselves caught in their own trap. In view of such fraud, such dishonesty, I am again asking this: that the FFHQ, if it still dares pretend that it represents French-speaking minorities, make that brief public so that the minorities may see how they are being abused by the FFHQ and its provincial affiliates; let the minister cancel all subsidies to the FFHQ till further notice so that Canadian taxpayers no longer have to financially support an organization which favours the

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destruction of this country; let our colleagues of goodwill, good faith and sound judgment join me to denounce this organization and its subversive activities which are undermining our Francophone minorities.

Mr. Robert Daudlin (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, may I remind the House that on December 20 last, the Secretary of State reiterated his intention to co-operate with the representatives of French-speaking groups outside Quebec and announced that for the next five years he would substantially raise the help which will be given by the federal government to the official language minority groups.

For a few years now La Fédération des Francophones hors-Québec has been receiving help from the Secretary of State. In 1977-78 it has been given \$200,000. In any application for funds which the Fédération will deem necessary to file with the Secretary of State for 1978-79, we will consider every facet of the situation of French-speaking minorities outside Quebec as well as the services that the Fédération can give to its members.

I repeat that the federal government, in any form of help it gives to the official language minority groups, intends to stick to the same principle namely to ensure the survival, the development and the well-being of these various groups. As we do with a good many national associations, we support financially La Fédération des Francophones hors-Québec, we consult it and we work openly with its members. Our attitude is one of mutual confidence. We feel it is necessary if we are to continue to co-operate with the Fédération as well as with other national associations. This confidence, this good faith, this frankness are essential to the pursuit of our common goals. If all the hearsays reported in the press were founded, this would mean that our will to co-operate honestly and openly is not shared.

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[English]

TRANSPORT—INLAND TERMINAL AT YORKTON, SASK.—
GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, my participation this evening arises by virtue of an answer given to me by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) to a question I raised last Monday about the development of an inland terminal in the city of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and one of the recommendations of the Hall commission on the grain handlers. Mr. Justice Hall recommended that there be an inland terminal built at Yorkton to augment the shipment of pre-clear grain to the port of Churchill.

The point of my question to the minister last Monday was to ascertain why this particular firm of consultants, headed by Mr. Rod Bryden, was engaged with respect to this whole development when firstly the firm of consultants had established a well known bias against expansion of the port of Churchill. Mr. Speaker, the minister seemed to try to deny