

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Pearson:** On a question of privilege, that last statement by the right hon. gentleman is false and untrue.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I do not ask for withdrawals. I do not have that thin skin which the Prime Minister showed today and which he has shown so often. I do not mind what he says. The facts tell the story, that the Prime Minister and the government interfered. Otherwise they would not have had the 12 screenings. It was not enjoyment and entertainment which kept them there watching it all those times.

**Mr. Speaker:** We now seem to have reached a happy conclusion, and I am not going to admit any more supplementaries.

**Mr. Hamilton:** I wish to ask a small supplementary question. If the Prime Minister intends to ask the C.B.C. to let members of parliament see this film, I think we would want to see the complete film before editing took place. We want to see the original film before it was censored; we want to find out why the C.B.C. refused to produce it. It is these missing parts that are of interest to us. I think the C.B.C. have been under tremendous pressure as a result of all these screenings; they have turned it down because they will not publish, under their own name, a censored film. I should like to look at the uncensored film to see what has been taken out.

**Mr. Pearson:** I will be very glad to ask the C.B.C. to show the hon. gentleman the missing parts of the film.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Let us get on with the business before the house.

[Later:]

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State and ask him if he will ascertain whether the C.B.C. yesterday refused to permit the screening of a print of the film "Mr. Pearson" for a group in Ottawa last night. Did the C.B.C. take the stand that the expurgated edition which they have on hand is being held in escrow, and will the minister direct the attention of the C.B.C. to the fact that what is wanted is not the revised or expurgated edition but the entire edition before it received excision following the consideration given it by ministers of the government?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** I will, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Bell:** I want my \$2 back.

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

**Mr. Pearson:** I told you that you would be disappointed.

**Mr. D. V. Pugh (Okanagan Boundary):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State. Will the Secretary of State say that no pressure through any agency has been brought to bear on any private television system which would preclude such system from showing the Balentine film of the Prime Minister?

**Mr. Lamontagne:** I know of no pressure, Mr. Speaker.

[Later:]

**Mr. D. S. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State in relation to certain other matters that have happened this morning. I wondered whether he would ask the president of the C.B.C. to arrange for a public showing of the unexpurgated edition of their film on the Leader of the Opposition?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Sure. That would be wonderful.

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

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, I would welcome that, for the edification of hon. gentlemen opposite.

[Later:]

[Translation]

**Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State?

If the C.B.C. intends to show the film "Mr. Pearson" on the English t.v. network, will it be possible to see it also on the French network?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I shall pass on to the C.B.C. the hon. member's request.

**Mr. Pigeon:** For \$35,000, it is worth the trouble.

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## CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

### INQUIRY AS TO STEPS TOWARD REPATRIATION

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. I wish to point out in the first place that if the suggestion I made a year ago, namely that the