

Inquiries of the Ministry

However, I must say that I handed it to the R.C.M.P. Allow me to add this. During any investigation made about other terrorist movements, each time the police forces co-operated very closely with the R.C.M.P.

All information was forwarded to the police authorities; but I must advise my hon. friend that when investigations are made about terrorist movements, it would not be in the public interest for me to disclose specific information about such investigations until it has been submitted to the courts.

Consequently, I will have to refrain from answering such questions.

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DISCUSSIONS RESPECTING FUTURE CORRECTIONAL POLICY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. Has the minister received a request for a meeting with the Canadian corrections association and associated organizations to discuss future correctional policy of the government before this policy has been finalized? If so, has the date for such a meeting been set?

Mr. Speaker: This is a question for the order paper.

CONTINUATION OF STUDIES BY FLQ MEMBERS IN PRISON

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe): Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Minister of Justice a question. Did he receive a request from the members of the group called the FLQ who are now purging a sentence in Canadian prisons, to the effect that they be allowed to pursue their studies during their imprisonment? Does he propose to grant this request?

Hon. Guy Favreau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I shall just answer that such a request has not yet been brought to my attention, but that the question raised by the hon. member is a serious one.

Mr. Grégoire: I would like to ask the minister whether it is his intention to have the matter investigated, and also whether the request has really been made and forwarded to him.

Mr. Favreau: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[Mr. Favreau.]

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question. Is the Minister of Justice aware that the hon. member for Lapointe was frequently mentioned as the leader of the separatists in the province of Quebec?

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I want to correct the statement of the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Choquette). I must tell him that this is only a figment of his imagination, because there was no such suggestion with regard to me—even if I sympathize with some of their ideas—as head of the R.I.N.

Mr. Choquette: This was suggested, Mr. Speaker.

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BROADCASTING

QUEBEC—REPORTED TELEVISION BROADCASTS OF SEPARATIST PROPAGANDA

On the orders of the day:

[Translation]

Mr. Auguste Choquette (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, my question is meant for the Secretary of State. In view of the fact that section 10 of the Broadcasting Act requires a network to be basically Canadian, I would ask the minister if he intends to take steps against a television station which has rented broadcasting periods to political parties of separatist allegiance or whether he is thinking of amending the Broadcasting Act, since such a thing runs counter to the provision of a basically Canadian network.

I see the Secretary of State is not here at the present time, so I would ask that my question be put off until Monday evening at ten o'clock, when I can join our ten o'clock bogeyman, the hon. member for Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm.

Mr. L. J. Pigeon (Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I have no lesson to take from the hon. member for Lotbinière. If I ask a question which is disallowed, I have the right to ask under standing orders that the matter be discussed after ten o'clock.

Instead of asking questions like the one he just put—I know he is a specialist in matters pertaining to the crown—the hon. member for Lotbinière should ask the Prime Minister to keep a little discipline among his followers so that none of them insults others.