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have told me that there is a file on myself. I have actually seen quotations from it. When we are as democracy-loving and anti-communist as we are, I should like to know whether this is still going on. In my opinion there is only one man who should know. We have been told in the past that the minister did not know but I say that the minister must know where the money comes from because it is in his estimates somewhere, and if this practice is still being carried on in Canada I maintain that it constitutes subversive activity on the part of the force.

I should also like to know about this man Pat Walsh. I have inquired for years about his statement that he did more to create subversive activity in the communist party than almost any other man in Canada. Seven years ago when he got out he said that all the time he was engaged in subversive activity he was an agent for the R.C.M.P. I have never been able to get any answer with respect to that matter because the reply always is that the R.C.M.P. and the minister cannot give us that kind of information. I should like to know the answer from the Minister of Justice because we have never yet been able to get an admission with respect to whether the R.C.M.P. were being used to incite the communist party to engage in disturbance and aggression through a paid official.

What is the position now of Pat Walsh? In view of the fact that I am so strongly anti-communist I am getting a little bit fed up with receiving through the mail week after week publications from this man addressed to "Commie Lover, Harold Winch." Is he still on the R.C.M.P. payroll and is it still part of his work to antagonize those who are true democrats simply because we do not happen to be Conservatives or Liberals?

**Mr. Johnson:** Why don't you sue him?

**Mr. Winch:** That is what I am asking. Is this a democratic country or are you only a democrat if you happen to be a Conservative or a Liberal? I think this is a serious matter. We have never yet been able to get a straight answer as to the use of the R.C.M.P. with respect to active trade unionists and those who happen to be opposed not just to the two old political parties but to the economic system. We have never had a direct answer in the six years I have been in the house. The Minister of Justice is a democrat and I know he would never question my love for or loyalty to this country. I also know he would never question my anti-communist attitude. I am going to ask him here and now if he will have the decency,

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the fortitude, the honesty to get up in the House of Commons right now and tell us what use is made by the R.C.M.P. of a certain fund that is under his jurisdiction and why and under what conditions a particular section in the R.C.M.P., and I know there is one, checks on certain individuals. I should like him to tell us on what basis they make these checks on trade unionists and certain members of the House of Commons. I think we are entitled to know the answer.

**Mr. Fulton:** With respect to the questions asked by the hon. member for Vancouver East, I do not know whether I shall be branded as lacking those qualities which he hypothetically attributed to me if I fail to answer his questions to his satisfaction, because I am not going to be able to answer his questions to his satisfaction. I think that on reflection, when he reads tomorrow what he said in *Hansard*, he will find that he has asked me questions resembling, have I caused the R.C.M.P. to stop beating their wives? That is not a question that can be answered, nor can the questions that the hon. gentleman has asked be answered for a variety of reasons, but most of the reasons are that he phrased his questions in that form.

With regard to the interest of the hon. gentleman in preserving the democratic way of life, I unreservedly state that I respect his interest in that thought and I respect his anti-communist feelings and I make no suggestion that he is not entitled to the answers because of any suspicion of his motives or of his patriotism. The hon. gentleman was here this morning when we had a discussion and the reasons were given at that time why these questions cannot be answered.

With regard to the question of files on individuals, I did on an earlier occasion, July 8, 1958, in answer to a question in the house asked me by the hon. member for Skeena, make an extended reply explaining the reason why questions of this sort, asking whether there were files on individuals, whether we make investigations of individuals, whether we have individuals who are on the payroll as agents, cannot be answered. I would refer my hon. friend to page 2047 of *Hansard* of July 8, 1958, where he will see the reasons which I gave at that time for my inability to answer such questions.

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Chairman, a great deal has been said on this matter.

**Mr. Fulton:** It was all said this morning.

**Mr. Peters:** I realize some of it was said this morning but I do not agree with what was said. I am of the opinion that Canada is not in a condition of war or of threat of