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who had co-operated with the police only after being confronted by them. Spencer's job was to provide information on the Trans Mountain Pipe Line, assist in the establishment of espionage activities in Canada and other countries, and perform economic and intelligence tasks.

The other unidentified person was paid, as was Spencer, thousands of dollars to provide technical information relating to defence, industry, and to compromise other Canadians including female employees of the government. He was given specialized training to familiarize himself with these tasks. The Prime Minister said Spencer was very ill. I would say now, from newspaper reports, that if he was ill recently he has miraculously recovered, or at least is not as ill as he was.

Then on February 2 the Prime Minister said he would consider the question of an inquiry. Earlier, in making statements to the press, Spencer said that if there was an inquiry, heads would roll. Now, the question I would like to ask is this—and I will read from the press reports in a few moments in this regard. I see the Prime Minister shaking his head. Allow me to build up my case, and then I will read from the press reports. I see the President of the Privy Council laughing. He is laughing at the method I am using, because he knows it is a very serious matter. As I said at the beginning, I have not had sufficient time to go into this thoroughly.

Spencer said heads would roll. I will ask this question: Whose heads would roll? Were they heads in high places; were they heads in the places where the investigation is done; were they heads in some service in Canada? Whose heads would roll?

Mr. Pearson: I never said that.

Mr. Woolliams: Somebody said he never said that.

An hon. Member: The Prime Minister said it.

Mr. Pearson: That is right; I said that.

Mr. Woolliams: I would like to put one or two of those backbenchers in the same position I am in, because I have not had more than half an hour to prepare this and I do not have a research group behind me. I have not always been the best behaved member of parliament.

Mr. Pearson: You are doing fine.

Mr. Woolliams: This is an important matter this afternoon and I would just ask that your group give me a fair hearing, because after

all it is important and I want to put our position very clearly before the house.

I am going to read from the *Toronto Daily Star* of November 2, 1965. This is what the report said:

'Heads swim if I talk' spy suspect warns. Vancouver (CP-Special)— A spy suspect the government claimed was dying last May is alive in Vancouver and warns that if he ever talked "there would be some heads swimming in Canada and elsewhere", according to a report here.

The Vancouver *Province* says the 57 year old man sometimes uses the name Wilson and works in the post office.

"He readily agreed that he was the man whom members of the R.C.M.P. accused of supplying information on to a Russian spy network," the newspaper says.

Two members of the Russian diplomatic service left Ottawa May 7 after being declared *persona non grata*.

If that statement is not correct, then would it not be better to have that kind of inquiry or that kind of commission in camera? Certainly the evidence produced should be made available to the privy councillors and the government for the security of our nation. But let us clear up what he means by "heads will roll". Maybe those heads which should roll are still in the kind of jobs where they might be dangerous and could undermine the nation at the present time.

I see the President of the Privy Council shake his head. But they do not know because they have not had that kind of inquiry—not that inquiry, anyway. The point I would like to make at the present time is that I want to talk about Mr. Spencer himself personally for a few moments. I realize the same as everybody in this house that the security of our nation is very important.

When we are dealing with a question of security sometimes there is a tendency to do what we might do in ordinary cases, and that is to run slipshod over those things which we call civil rights, liberty. After all we are governed by the rule of law in Canada. Let us, for a few moments, look at a definition, and this is in a speech made by Dean Cronkite of the University of Saskatchewan, former dean of law. At that time he was dealing with the spy case of 1945. The Prime Minister and his government will remember this, because at that time there was an inquiry to look into the manner in which those people who were arrested were treated and interrogated. There is a precedent for such an inquiry, and I am going to read this to show that there is such a precedent. We are talking about the freedom of the individual and sometimes it pays to be a little philosophical.