

*Oral Questions*

report of SIRC for 1989-1990, the report was received by the Solicitor General and was made public.

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston):** Mr. Speaker, the report, in fact, was not made public and he will know that in this year's report his government was criticized for not making public a report that SIRC put together based on the report of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. He knows that that is in the report.

I ask the Solicitor General whether that specific information about the potential for sporadic violence was passed on to the Government of Quebec and, in particular, to the provincial police in Quebec, the *Sûreté du Québec*? Will he immediately table the complete report here in the House of Commons?

**Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I follow my hon. colleague, but if I may quote from the 1989-90 annual report, on page 28, it states: "On February 5, 1990, the Solicitor General released a version of the report"—

**Some hon. members:** A version.

**Mr. Cadieux:** That is correct, "—with significant portions blacked out for reasons of national security and privacy, accompanied by a news release".

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## COMMUNICATIONS

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Yesterday, the Minister of Communications told me that he had rejected a cabinet appeal of the CRTC decision denying the last FM station in Toronto to the Afro-Canadian applicant because, and I quote: "English Canada insisted upon an arm's length relationship". Yet, the government has intervened with the CRTC more than any other government.

If the government could act on behalf of Callnet three times and Tory interests in connection with the News Network, why can it not intervene in support of the three commissioners who considered the CRTC decision was an affront to the visible minority community and the multicultural nature of the country?

**Hon. Gerry Weiner (Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)):** Mr. Speaker, cabinet reviewed the CRTC decision and was satisfied that due process had been followed.

My colleague, and in fact all members of cabinet, are very aware of the concerns of members of the Toronto community for another format. The fact of the matter is, that this decision has not precluded the possibility of a dance music station in Toronto. The CRTC has already asked for public comment on the use of the former CKO-FM frequency and the Minister of Communications has invited the public to make views known to the CRTC before October 31. I wholly support and endorse this call.

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Communications also said that ownership was not the issue, but there are no Afro-Canadian owned stations in the country. He said that dance music was available, and so showed his insensitivity to black culture. He emphasized the French-English dichotomy which shuts many Canadians out.

Does the government not recognize in this an example of systemic discrimination at the highest level? What action does the government intend to take to rectify this insult to 300,000 visible minority members in the city of Toronto?

**Hon. Gerry Weiner (Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)):** Mr. Speaker, we have no lesson to learn from the opposition on our commitment to multiculturalism.

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

**Mr. Weiner:** We are the government that introduced the Canadian Multiculturalism Act. We are bringing forward legislation to establish the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. We are creating the new Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship.

We will pursue a very active program of race relations and cross-cultural understanding right across this nation to help Canadians understand each other better and become more comfortable with each other.