

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary to the minister, and I can assure him that we have a copy of the directive on our desks. My question was designed to determine whether the information was going to be disseminated through the mass media, in as much as it concerns the mass media, which seems to be the new policy of the government. With respect to the supplementary does the minister intend to announce similar directives with respect to the control of foreign ownership of newspapers in Canada and, if so, when?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: As far as the press is concerned, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member must know that the Secretary of State has no authority whatsoever over the press in Canada which, until now, I understand, has remained private property and does not fall within the jurisdiction of any government agency.

[English]

EXHIBITIONS**FLORIDA STATE FAIR—ABSENCE OF LITERATURE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Mr. Lee Grills (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Acting Prime Minister or whoever is responsible for Canadian exhibits at state fairs in the United States of America. I have information here that at the Florida state fair held in Tampa this year there was no Canadian literature in the English language. I would like to know if this is the practice with all our state exhibits? Is this practical in Florida? Who is responsible for it?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I believe the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce would be the responsible minister and I would be glad to refer the hon. gentleman's question to him.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Possibly I might recognize two more hon. members before calling orders of the day, the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate and the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS**ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN DEMONSTRATION AT MCGILL**

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State. Could he say whether his department is investigating the alleged

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activities of the C.Y.C. and the weaponry allegedly used in the messy McGill flare up over the week end?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I have inquired from the Company of Young Canadians concerning the allegation that three members of the Company, who were participating in a project at Joliette, had been arrested in connection with the demonstrations that took place the other night.

The Company of Young Canadians headquarters here in Ottawa informed me as follows: of the three persons arrested and designated as volunteers of the Company in the newspapers, none of them have ever been members of the said Company or are members of it at the present time.

As regards the weapons found in a building in Joliette, I am informed that the Company of Young Canadians has an office in the said building and the remaining space is occupied by a union federation. The weapons were found under a staircase which in any case is outside the building, and not nearer the office of the Company of Young Canadians than that of the trade-union and in a place accessible to any passer-by.

Such is the information given me by the Company on the Joliette case.

[English]

HOUSING**VANCOUVER—REQUEST FOR ACTION ON URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS**

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport in his capacity as minister in charge of housing. It arises from an answer he gave me on March 25 when I asked him a question with respect to approval for one of the two urban renewal projects in Vancouver. At that time he told me:

If it can be proven that going ahead with additional renewal projects at this time is the best use of the money available to provide better housing and better conditions for Canadian citizens, then of course it will be considered sympathetically.

I would like to know whether the minister has discussed with Vancouver what forms of proof are necessary to show that this project should be gone ahead with and, if so, with what results?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Not specifically in those terms, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated this afternoon, I have now seen