

expressed an opinion concerning station CFCF of Montreal, the station which has been charged with failing to conform to CRTC regulations concerning broadcast laws. Does the Prime Minister consider it proper that a minister of the Crown, who is responsible for seeing justice is done, should discuss publicly important questions presently before the courts?

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**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I will have to take note of the question. I am not sure what the matter before the courts is to which the hon. member is referring.

**Mr. Epp:** A supplementary question. I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the action taken by the Solicitor General in Winnipeg this morning violates the guidelines the Prime Minister has stated are to be observed by all members of the cabinet and, if this is the case, what action does he propose to take.

**Mr. Trudeau:** As described by the hon. member, it does not violate the guidelines; it may be incorrect for some other reason but the guidelines, as I described them some days ago, were not infringed.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### CANADIAN POSITION ON INVOLVEMENT OF CUBA IN AFRICA

**Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Having regard to the right hon. gentleman's reported statement following his visit to Cuba that Premier Fidel Castro was sending troops to Africa with a great deal of thought and feeling, could the Prime Minister tell us whether he has received any new information concerning the Cuban involvement and, if so, what is the current position of the administration with respect to this unhappy situation?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I must point out that the hon. member has grossly and inaccurately misquoted me.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Stevens:** If I am grossly and inaccurately misquoting the Prime Minister so did the *Globe and Mail* this morning.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh!

**Mr. Stevens:** Bearing in mind that Cuba is now involved in eight African countries with some 12,000 troops or other personnel, would the Prime Minister inform us whether the government has registered any official protest concerning this war involvement on the part of Cuba and, if so, what was the form of the protest?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I am informed that the misquote in the *Globe and Mail* was a quote from some American paper, so the hon. member is twice removed from the truth by two very big barriers.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## Oral Questions

**Mr. Trudeau:** As to our position on the presence of Cuban troops in Angola, our position was made very clear by the Secretary of State for External Affairs before I went to Cuba, it was made clear again when I was in Cuba and it has been made clear since. We are opposed to that kind of intervention.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## NATIONAL DEFENCE

### DATE OF DECISION ON CLOSING BASES

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** My question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the extensive unrest and uncertainty prevailing in all parts of Canada in connection with the rumoured closing of military bases and reduction to nil strength of certain units, could the hon. gentleman indicate by what date he anticipates making a definitive announcement concerning this whole question so that if things are to happen people will know just what is going to happen?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** I cannot say more than I have said on other occasions. I will be making recommendations to cabinet in the very near future, probably within the next two or three weeks, but I do not know how long cabinet will take to consider those recommendations.

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[Translation]

## OLYMPIC GAMES

### USE OF INTERPRETERS—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR INTERPRETERS

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State of Canada.

Given the fact that in a few months Montreal will play host to many visitors from various countries and that interpreters will be needed to help those various nationalities communicate with each other, can the minister tell the House whether COJO officials have made a request for this interpretation service? If so, how much will be earmarked for this service?

[English]

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** I am not aware of the request but I will look into it and report to the hon. member.

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## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

### REQUEST FOR MORE LOCAL PROGRAMMING—GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** A further question to the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker. In view of a growing number of representations concerning the cen-