

Use of Espionage Denied by Trudeau

OTTAWA, Jan. 11 (Canadian Press)—Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said yesterday that while Canada collected intelligence information to protect national security and sometimes shared secrets with allies, no agents were sent abroad to spy on other countries.

"We have never to my knowledge, certainly not under my Government, engaged in any espionage abroad in the sense that we have been looking for information in an undercover way," he told the Commons.

His remarks were prompted by a flurry of opposition questions about a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television program, the hour-long Fifth Estate, which discussed intelligence gathering.

The program, broadcast Wednesday, was called "mischievous and misleading" by External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp. Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker said it might harm Canada's relations with the United States.

C.I.A. Ties Alleged

Mr. Trudeau said he knew some of the allegations in the program were false, but no Government spokesman dismissed it as entirely inaccurate.

The program said the communications branch of the

National Research Council functioned as an intelligence agency and had close ties with the United States National Security Agency, which has connections with the Central Intelligence Agency.

One of the National Security Agency officers said during the program that there was an agreement among Canada, Australia, Britain and the United States to monitor communications in all parts of the world. And a former State Department spokesman alleged that the Distant Early Warning line of radar stations across northern Canada was also used for this purpose.

Responsibility Cited

Defense Minister James A. Richardson denied that the United States used the DEW line to collect information, but he would not elaborate on the uses Canada made of it. He would say only that the Defense Department had a responsibility to know of any threat to national security.

A spokesman for the research council said he did not know whether the group was involved in interception of communications.

A Royal Canadian Mounted Police official said that the force kept two men in Washington to work with police and intelligence agencies and that the Federal Bureau of Investi-

gation kept a man at the United States Embassy here for the same purpose.

Neither Mr. Sharp nor Mr. Trudeau would answer reporters' questions outside the Commons.

'Trouble With Our Friends'

Mr. Sharp said that he would respond to precise questions in the Commons, but that off-the-cuff answers might lead to "trouble with our friends and others who depend on us for their security."

In Washington, a senior C.I.A. official denied that any foreigners had access to the tightly guarded C.I.A. headquarters near Washington.

He said he was acquainted with two men interviewed on the broadcast, Victor L. Marchetti and John D. Marks, but would say little about their comments. Mr. Marchetti is a former assistant to the deputy director of the C.I.A., and Mr. Marks is former staff assistant to the State Department director of intelligence.

Both men are involved in a court action against the C.I.A. and United States Government to force release for publication of a book called "The C.I.A. and the Cult of Intelligence."