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2.00 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

The Acting Prime Minister (the Honourable Paul Hellyer); the honourable Member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin); the honourable Member for York South (Mr. Lewis) and; the honourable Member for Shefford (Mr. Rondeau), paid tribute, on behalf of the House of Commons to the memory of the former President of the United States of America, the late General Dwight David Eisenhower.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: On Friday last the honourable Member for Calgary North rose on a question of privilege concerning the alleged taping of an announcement dealing with the selection of a choice for the new Montreal airport. In closing his remarks, the honourable Member proposed to move a motion as follows: "I move that the question of information of the announcement of the new Montreal International Airport at or near St. Jerome, Quebec, having been given prior to the said announcement by the government in the House of Commons and including all the circumstances under which the allegation is made, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House, so that a full inquiry investigation may be made and that the said committee be empowered to examine all persons and papers material to the matter in question."

Mainly because two of the Members more directly concerned with the matter were not in the House at that moment I felt it might be fair and proper to wait until they were in the House and had an opportunity to make a statement, before a ruling could be made or might be made on the procedural aspect of the motion proposed by the honourable Member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams).