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are, of course, all very conscious of the tenseness which pervades the atmosphere of the chamber at times like this.

In view of that fact, it is my duty to attempt to allay heat when heat is rising and I believe these words should be brought to the attention of all hon. members at the very outset of the debate. I think most hon. members will agree that this expression "trained seals"—

Mr. Fulton: What about the word "conspiracy"?

The Chairman: —is not one that one hon. member of this house should apply to other members of this house. I may be wrong, but I feel I am on pretty sound ground.

An hon. Member: Use "untrained" then.

The Chairman: May I ask hon. members to refrain from further demonstrations of any kind. I feel I am on sound ground, and I feel that the Leader of the Opposition, after these perhaps futile attempts to allay heat, will agree with me and I hope he will cooperate with me to the extent of withdrawing those words, which I do not feel have a place in this House of Commons.

Mr. Fulton: Well, what about the word "conspiracy"?

Mr. Drew: Well, Mr. Chairman, I will go so far as to point out that I rose and before I even had an opportunity to express the circumstances under which I rose there was such bedlam in unison that I felt the words I used on that occasion were appropriate having regard to the circumstances. I shall not repeat them on this occasion, and I shall now proceed to deal with the question of privilege that has been raised.

The Chairman: I am sorry, but the question has gone beyond that. I have asked in as kindly terms as possible for the co-operation of the Leader of the Opposition. I feel he will agree with me that an expression of this kind is bound to raise heat. It is my duty to see that this debate proceeds in an orderly fashion. I am now asking the Leader of the Opposition once more to withdraw those words which I am sure he must agree have no place in this honourable chamber.

Mr. Fulton: Well, Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Drew: Mr. Chairman, I want to point out to you that the reason for the heat is the outrageous conduct of the government—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Drew: —and the words I used which described, I feel accurately, what has taken place have been used before and have not been challenged. Under those circumstances

[**The Chairman.**]

and in view of the provocation I do not intend to withdraw the words and I leave the matter in your hands.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

The Chairman: I recall another occasion when the Leader of the Opposition used the same words when I was in the chair. At that time they did not raise the heat which they raised today.

Mr. Drew: It is a question of temperature.

The Chairman: I must point out to hon. members that it is the fear of disorder which may arise in the chamber which causes those of us who occupy the chair to rise from time to time to attempt, as I said before, to allay some of this heat. At the beginning of such a debate as we contemplate for today, I do not propose to allow the debate to commence on a disorderly basis, and I must ask the hon. member to withdraw or I shall have to report the matter to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fleming: Shame.

Mr. Harris: Mr. Chairman, may I with respect suggest that this is an occasion on which we ought to be very careful that we allow all the time possible to the person who has the floor to get on with an extremely important debate. I say that without in any way suggesting it was improper for the leader of the C.C.F. party to raise his question of privilege. I also agree it was quite in order and probably expected that the Leader of the Opposition would do likewise under those circumstances.

Of course there is no reason in the world why we could not be sure that the hon. member who has the floor should have his full time; however, we are about to engage in a rather lengthy debate in which, as I understand it, the speeches are limited to 20 minutes. I would hope during that time the committee would give the greatest attention to what is said with the least interruption.

As it happens, when the Leader of the Opposition rose I thought perhaps the remarks and the noise which greeted him were spontaneous rather than trained, but that might be a matter of opinion. I also recall on more than one occasion the Leader of the Opposition having used the phrase "trained seals". I have never taken the trouble to see if it is in order or out of order according to the book. I think we all discount that phrase, because everyone in this house knows that all parties practically invariably follow a single party line, with some exceptions which may or may not be evident later.

A reference of that kind is only a general reference, sir, to the party warfare which