

Motion Respecting House Vote

Who was in on that? I don't know, but a former member of this house had views on the subject and he belonged to that party. John C. Doyle is a name to conjure with. He was around in 1963. He is still around in 1968 although he cannot cross the line into the United States because he will end up in the coop for three years if he does. But he is still a power politically. I would like to know whether he had any interest in this matter. It is a question that must occur in the thoughts of Canadians.

Where Doyle is, there is political fixing. He does pretty well too with this government. He owes millions and millions of dollars. The rest of us cannot postpone payment but he fiddles about, he monkeys. After all, he only owes millions. The little fellow across Canada who owes a few dollars gets letters of strong condemnation. I wonder whether he might be of assistance, whether he might give us some information about those six who co-operated in 1963, only one of whom is now in the house. I would be very glad to hear from the members of that party what, if anything, other than the natural desire to be in Ottawa to view the beauties of the capital city, would have brought him hither within the last few days, if my information be correct? It may be only a coincidence but when you have a similar coincidence in 1963 then the question naturally arises, has there been any change of viewpoint in a period of four years? Sir, all I have done is ask a simple question: What did Doyle do. Who spoke with the members of the Cr ditiste party?

● (4:30 p.m.)

Mr. Gr goire: Put up or shut up.

Mr. Diefenbaker: So far as the hon. gentleman is concerned may I say that I am reminded of the couplet:

As the cuckoo is in June
Heard but not regarded.

Now, sir, I shall conclude. My time is almost up. You may win the mathematical vote but the old, old jingle still rings true: Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall; all Caouette's horses and all Caouette's men couldn't put Humpty-Dumpty together again. You know it; you sit over there and you are already counting to the end of your term because you know you cannot trample on the sacred rights of parliament. You cannot possibly do that for which Charles I lost his head. We do not want that to happen to you, but certainly the punishment was merited in his case.

You have forgotten the people. You have forgotten the meaning of the word "responsibility" and you have forgotten parliament. You are trying to defend a position by unwarranted and undignified means. If this motion is voted on favourably that mace, sir, is a bauble. In the mace is contained all the pure heritage of parliament. I hold with the words of Oliver Cromwell when he came into the British house, which had been sitting forever and illegally, and said:

I command ye, therefore, upon the peril of your lives, to depart immediately out of this place;... Go, get out, make haste, begone! So take away that shining bauble there, and lock up the doors.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

Mr. R al Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

The former leader of the opposition has been accusing us, he has been making insinuations I call dishonest regarding the Ralliement Cr ditiste I represent in the house. He has been referring to the "Six" affair in 1963, in which myself and this party were not involved.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Caouette: The former leader of the opposition is suggesting that I might have been meeting Mr. Doyle.

Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, those who are making such insinuations, and the former leader of the opposition has the habit of doing this, are acting in a dishonest way. There was no meeting—

Mr. Speaker: Would the hon. member kindly state his question of privilege?

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, my question of privilege is this: I want to protest for myself and the group I represent against the accusations the former leader of the opposition brought against my group. Let me say this, on the question of privilege—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Caouette: —if the former leader of the opposition wants to bring accusations, he should bring them before the committee on privileges and elections; he should act honestly and not in a cowardly way as he did this afternoon in the House of Commons.

Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I should like to state very clearly at the outset that I believe the standing