

uranium cartel case, and also do irreparable damage to the accused who, until proven guilty, must be considered innocent. Mr. Speaker, every Progressive Conservative member who rose and spoke in this House today on the uranium cartel issue has flouted the most elementary justice, the fundamental rights of anyone who is deemed innocent until proven guilty before our courts of law.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot accept that this situation be allowed to last any longer. Last week it was to force Parliament to legislate the postal workers back to work. I quote an article published in the newspaper *Le Droit* and headlined:

The Leader of the Opposition gave in before an ultimatum from his backbenchers . . . a week ago by extending the length of the session because of the postal strike.

That is what the rednecks in his party have said. The member for Halton (Mr. Jelinek) in Ontario stated that the caucus meeting was a lot more serene this week than last week because his leader, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark), had to eat his words to the effect that back-to-work legislation was not necessary. A Canadian Press article by Mr. Alan Arbuckle also says:

The member for Halton said that his leader even thanked him for having forced the Conservatives to renege on an all party agreement under which the Commons would have been on holidays since last Friday.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that we are witnessing disorder, anarchy and total chaos among the Progressive Conservatives. Their leader no longer leads them. They no longer have a leader. There is not even two thirds of a leader. There is a whole bunch of ultra-Conservatives who are prepared to hold up to ridicule the rights of the citizens, the rights of the postal workers, as well as the rights of the accused in the uranium cartel case who are now before the courts. Mr. Speaker, at the next sitting of the House, immediately before the order of the day for resuming the adjourned debate on motion No. 51 in the name of the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard), I will move a motion that the debate shall not be further adjourned. This notice is given pursuant to Standing Order 33.

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[*English*]

I think it is absolutely important that we say, today—

Mr. Clark: What a coward!

Mr. Ouellet: —that the only reasons given by the opposition—

Mr. Clark: What a coward!

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Coward!

Mr. Clark: Afraid of debate! Afraid of the truth!

Mr. Ouellet: —for keeping this House sitting are absolutely irresponsible, and it is trickery on the part of the opposition.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Ouellet: Last week the opposition pretended that it wanted this Parliament to stay on to force us to legislate back the CUPW workers of the Post Office. That was the reason given last week, to carry on the discussion.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Closure!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Closure!

Mr. Ouellet: Now that members of the opposition fully realize that they are on the wrong side, that the public has realized that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark)—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Ouellet: —is playing the game of Mr. Parrot, the leader of the postal workers, that he is playing his hand, and that, in fact, the Leader of the Opposition has become the best ally of the leader of CUPW, they now rush to find another subject, to find another reason for the House to carry on. Their view of last week is now forgotten. They no longer want Parliament to sit—

Mr. Hnatyshyn: What a disgrace!

Mr. Ouellet: —to deal with the postal strike. They have found another reason.

Mr. Clark: We have achieved mediation.

Mr. Ouellet: They were not happy to replace the normal and legitimate process of collective bargaining. They now want to replace the legitimate rights of justice to be carried by the courts of this land. Today, opposition members, one after the other, have risen here, irrespective of the rights of accused, arguing that there was something wrong, that these people were already condemned, and there were probably other people who should be condemned.

Mr. Andre: Like the sugar refineries, eh?

Mr. Ouellet: I want to say that it is quite clear that the opposition is completely at a loss—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Ouellet: —that the leadership campaign is already on—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Ouellet: —among numerous opposition members. The poor Leader of the Opposition does not know where to go. Is he going to have the support of the one third, or is he going to keep the support of the two thirds? He is moving, week after week, from one position to another position.

[*Translation*]

That is exactly what happened in the famous question of the debate on capital punishment to which I personally—