

Mr. Trudeau: The opposition does not rely on the press gallery, Mr. Speaker. It does not believe that one newspaper can be relied on to report correctly the hon. member for Central Nova.

Mr. Clark: Your statement was made in the House of Commons.

Mr. Trudeau: Here is a quotation from the *London Free Press* for November 1, 1977:

—MacKay indicated “right off the top, I would have to say that those who would have motivations to put it there—”

That is, the bug.

“—would be some of the people in the security services.”

Then the *Toronto Star* for November 1:

“Among the people who would have a motivation to do this would be some people in the (RCMP) security service or possibly Robin Bourne’s group”.

The *Globe and Mail*, November 1:

However, he said it was obviously planted by someone who had “some expertise”. While he acknowledged that it could have been planted by a private detective, he said it seemed more like—

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, do you realize the precedent you are setting?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In respect to the point about the accusations previously made by the hon. member for Central Nova, it seems to me that the introduction of quotations of that hon. member in respect to that event are relevant to the argument. Two or three quotations have been given, but I do not think it is necessary to go on at any greater length. The point is well taken. Perhaps we could move on to another point.

Mr. Trudeau: All right, Mr. Speaker, I will not go on, but I can assure you that the next day, in different newspapers, the same kind of accusation was made by the hon. member for Central Nova. Whether it was made in the House or outside the House, the fact is that the RCMP was dragged in the dirt by the hon. member for Central Nova.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: The opposition suspect the RCMP. I suspect the Tory party. If Your Honour rules that that kind of suspicion is not becoming of the House of Commons, I will withdraw it. I would just suggest—and I am completely in accord with the hon. member for Peace River—that if I cannot make that kind of general statement in the heat of debate, when I have been constantly interrupted and heckled by the opposition—

Some hon. Members: Cry baby.

Mr. Hees: Get out your crying towel, Pierre.

Mr. Trudeau: Now it turns out that I am the cry baby, Mr. Speaker. I did not raise a question of privilege when in this House the leader of the NDP and Tory members one after the other stood and accused the government of cover-up and

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worse. I was not crying about that. I simply said that if they wanted to suspect us, go ahead and say so; but let us hear what they think about government policy in regard to the RCMP. Let us hear them state it. Let me read once again what they said, Mr. Speaker, though I do not know whether I should start at the beginning or at the end.

Mr. Broadbent: No.

Mr. Trudeau: Perhaps I will start with the leader of the New Democratic Party. As reported at page 415 of *Hansard*, he moved a motion condemning the government, and most specifically the Prime Minister for his implication in the cover-up. I will skip over the members of the Creditiste party because they had a lot to say. Let me read what the hon. member for Peace River had to say. He moved a motion, but he had other things to say, and I will join him a little later, Mr. Speaker. Then the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot had this to say, as reported at page 417 of *Hansard*:

My motion relates to statements by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and by the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) condoning illegal activities—

I turn now to the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River, on the same page:

Having regard to serious allegations of a cover-up by the government and especially the Solicitor General of Canada—

Again the phrase “cover-up”, Mr. Speaker. I now quote the Leader of the Opposition, page 419 of *Hansard*:

Mr. Speaker, in the interests of the continuing cover-up—

That is, by hon. members opposite. Who, Mr. Speaker? Us? We are covering up? Is the Leader of the Opposition accusing us of something? Are we crying and asking him to withdraw each time he says something like that?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: You should have; it would have shown your bona fides.

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Mr. Trudeau: I should have? I will do it now.

An hon. Member: It’s too late.

Mr. Trudeau: The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar says I should have raised a point of order.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: If you were really bona fide, you would have.

Mr. Trudeau: If I were really bona fide, you say. I am just following the invitation of the hon. member for Peace River who suggested that if I could say that, then they should be allowed to say it too. They have been saying it all along. Let me continue my quotations. Again we hear from the Leader of the New Democratic Party, who said:

I do not use the word lightly and I use it carefully.

That is a bit of drama, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!