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you that if I had been a Tory that day I would have been forced to rise to my feet and challenge, if not deny some of the accusations the hon. member for Macleod made on that occasion.

Mr. Hodgson: He was singing hymns that day.

Mr. MacDougall: And if my hon. friend who sits behind me wants to join in the singing of hymns, that is all right with me. I can sing them as lustily as anybody in the house. The situation however was one that startled me. And I might say before I go further on that particular aspect of this non-political discourse that despite the work done by the then acting leader of the Tory party, the hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Rowe), the absence of the permanent leader of that party from the house was in my opinion as conspicuous as the crash of a giant cedar against an opening in the horizon.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. MacDougall: My good friends laugh at that. If their leader was to leave them through illness I would feel sorry for them as well. It is not every party that is as fortunate as the Liberal party that has alternates always ready to take over. It is a fine thing for democracy that you can do that, but it is not always easily done. In a more or less serious, and at the same time jocular manner, I would liken my Social Credit friends to a mulish party. You may interpret that as being stubborn. I do not wish you to put that interpretation on it at all. It would be unfair. But their party is composed of Liberals, and I might say former diehard Tories, who have joined the bandwagon of Social Credit. Because they have no lineage, if I might put it that way, certainly no long lineage of sacred doctrine behind them, it is in order, in my opinion, to say that they are mulish because they are riding a hybrid organization. They are like a mule because they have no pride of inheritance and no hope for posterity.

As I listened to the attack of the hon. member for Macleod—and I am sorry he is not here, because I told him that I was going to speak in the external affairs debate—my mind goes right back to the Old Testament. I shall now quote from the second book of Samuel, chapter 20, verses 9 and 10. If hon. members do not think I am telling the truth I advise them to look it up for themselves when they go home.

And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother?

That is the way the hon. member for Macleod kicked off that day. He praised two or

three of the Tory members, particularly the hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra (Mr. Green). He also spoke in glowing terms of the hon. member for Kamloops (Mr. Fulton) until the hon. member for Kamloops interjected a remark which he did not like. Then he said: Look, my friend, be careful or I will not say nice things about you. Was that not exactly like Joab and Amasa? I continue:

Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard—

I love this.

And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

Ah, here is the tragedy, stark and naked.

But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib,—

I remember that I used to do that when I was a youngster.

—and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. This might be a convenient time to advise the hon. member that his time has also expired.

Mr. MacDougall: I have a very few words left, and if I can have the unanimous consent of the house I should like to finish them. Have I unanimous consent?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Has the hon. member unanimous consent to proceed?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If so, it is my duty to remind the hon. member that we are engaged in a debate on external affairs, and I would appreciate it very much, as I am sure hon. members would, if he would confine his remarks to that subject.

Mr. MacDougall: Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that you brought up that objection, because there is no question of doubt that what I am speaking on now can have a marked effect upon external affairs.

In conclusion, sir, the possible effect on external affairs is this. We talk rather jocularly about the words that appeared in print all across Canada a couple of weeks ago to the effect that a Russian scientist had developed a two-headed dog. We never for a moment thought that right here in Canada we have a two-headed party. We have a party that could some day bring about a change in external affairs, one part of which preaches Toryism and practises it, while the other head of that party preaches Douglas Social Credit and the just price. How the bones of Mr. Aberhart must turn over in his grave when he realizes, if they do that in that happy region beyond the Jordan, that