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anything concerning the second part of the resolution as I open this debate. I ask your ruling on that.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. You have decided that this motion consists of only certain words. The Prime Minister now finds himself in difficulty and he is trying to use the entire motion in order to forward his speech because he has not the material for the earlier part.

**Mr. Pearson:** I don't find myself in any difficulty whatsoever. The right hon. gentleman seems to find himself in a state of some excitement.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Smallwood will be surprised.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, that was an uncalled for interjection, and I hope the right hon. gentleman will play his part in trying to keep this debate worthy of the occasion.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** On a question of privilege, it was to keep the debate worthy of the occasion that I asked that the Prime Minister stay within the rules and deal with only those portions that are today before the house, which is your ruling, Mr. Speaker, I objected to the division, and the Prime Minister, having taken advantage of the division is still holding to the original because he knows what Mr. Smallwood would think.

**Mr. Pearson:** It is too bad Mr. Smallwood has been brought into this debate so early in the proceedings—

**Mr. Nowlan:** He was in two weeks ago.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, I think we ought to have a ruling. I would like your guidance as to whether, in my discussion of the resolution, I am not at any time to refer to the second part which deals with the royal union flag.

**Mr. Speaker:** The resolution was divided into two parts, (a) and (b), or resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, whichever terminology you care to apply. Under the heading of relevancy we are of course discussing a flag for Canada, which is the first resolution before the house. The question of relevancy is a very difficult one to rule on, and I would respectfully suggest to the Prime Minister that he try to stay within the resolution as proposed to the house by myself.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, does your ruling—which I of course accept—mean that we are to continue debate on the first part and take a decision on that and then, only after that decision are we permitted to speak on the second part?

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That is what you agreed to.

**Mr. Pearson:** All right, I don't mind.

**Mr. Speaker:** The point before the house is a flag for Canada. The second resolution deals with the union jack, and I have suggested to the house that the joint resolution, if you want to call it that, be separated. We are now dealing with the first part, the flag for Canada. I admit that in dealing with this subject it is very difficult to rule out any reference to the past history of this country. You cannot just automatically forget the stirring years of the past history of our country, and therefore it seems to me that the Prime Minister, within reasonable limits and within the rule of relevancy, is entitled to make reference to things that have gone on in the past, which I presume might involve a reference to the union jack and what it stands for.

**Mr. Pearson:** So that there will be no misunderstanding later, may I ask you, sir, when is the second part of the resolution to be introduced in the house?

**Mr. Speaker:** I propose to introduce the second part or second resolution, if you wish, when the first part has been taken and determined.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Speaker, I am quite happy about your decision. It clarifies the atmosphere and I shall be very happy to abide by it. I am now speaking and introducing that part of the resolution which deals with a Canadian national flag, and it would be impossible to deal with the Canadian national flag without showing how that flag has evolved, how it symbolizes the past and I hope, if I mention the union jack, hon. gentlemen opposite will not be too indignant.

**Mr. Chatterton:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, you indicated only a few minutes ago that the second resolution will be introduced in due course. Will that happen whether the first resolution is defeated or approved by the house?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is correct. It will be on the order paper as a separate resolution.