

*Oral Questions*

party and at the same time sits as a member of the advisory board to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, would the Prime Minister indicate to the House whether or not a situation such as this will be covered in the proposed legislation on conflict of interest?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I believe that the information conveyed by the hon. member is incorrect. The gentleman in question is not what he calls a "bagman" for the Liberal party.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Is he an assistant?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. We are running short of time. The hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby will be allowed to ask a supplementary question, and then we will have time for a few more questions before calling orders of the day.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that, bagman or not, depending on one's choice of terms, this gentleman is involved in fund raising for the Liberal party, or has been—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member is prefacing his question by a statement or an allegation. I think the hon. member sinned against the long established rule in the same way in asking a question last week. I suggest to him that it should be possible for him to ask a question without making a statement or an allegation of fact.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I have never considered fund raising as such whether for the Liberal party or not to be an allegation of a criminal offence. My question to the Prime Minister is this. Would he assure the House that the legislation that the government is preparing on this subject for introduction to this House will cover the situation where a man, no matter which political party he may be working for in a fund raising capacity, will be excluded from membership on government boards which are involved in decisions that lead to grants being given to corporations?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair recognizes the Prime Minister for the purpose of replying to the question, but obviously the question is wrongly put on a number of counts, despite the correction made by the hon. member. The statement that has been made is based on an allegation. If not, then it is hypothetical. In any event, the Prime Minister will be allowed to reply.

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I repeat that the allegation contained in the earlier part of the question is incorrect. So far as the question of having contributed to a party and sitting on government boards is concerned, I think a lot of people who are affiliated with the NDP sit on government advisory boards. The Economic Council of Canada and other bodies have members who are connected with the labour movement.

**Mr. Baldwin:** No wonder we are in trouble.

**Mr. Trudeau:** No wonder we are in trouble, as the hon. member says. This is a matter that I would find difficulty in including in the legislation to which the hon. member refers, but we will listen very carefully to proposals con-

[Mr. Broadbent.]

taining any kind of constructive amendments which have already been discussed by the hon. gentleman's party.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS****KILLING OF TWO CANADIAN GIRLS WHILE VISITING VICTORIA FALLS, RHODESIA—REQUEST FOR REPORT AND TABLING OF LETTER FROM ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER**

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the statement the minister made last Thursday concerning the murder of two Canadian girls in Rhodesia, in which the minister said he and his government were treating this matter very seriously and were not satisfied with the public statement made by Zambia, I would ask whether he has received a full report from our high commissioner in Lusaka, and has this statement been referred to the Zambian government? Has he or his department received a full report or a statement from that government?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Assistant High Commissioner, as the hon. member knows, went to Rhodesia and made a report to us on his findings and conveyed these to the government of Zambia. I have received a personal letter from the foreign minister of Zambia which conveys deep felt condolences to the government and people of Canada, and particularly to the bereaved families. This is a personal letter and, therefore, I would prefer not to reveal it, but perhaps I could quote one part which says:

—the Party, Government and People of Zambia deeply regret the deaths of these innocent Canadian nationals.

**An hon. Member:** You have quoted it.

**Mr. Sharp:** I might add that I am not yet satisfied with the explanations that have been given by Zambia and I am awaiting a further report.

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact the minister has read from this document, perhaps he would be kind enough to table it.

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

**An hon. Member:** You can't break all the rules.

**Mr. Hales:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to have the minister's assurance that he will table it.

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to tabling it. I felt it was important to the House to know that I had received a message from the Zambian government which came in the form of a personal letter addressed to me. I am not quite certain what "personal" means in this connection. I quoted only a few words from it to indicate the condolences of the Zambian government. I shall ask the foreign minister whether he has any objections to its being tabled. I knew he would not have any objection to me expressing these general sentiments of the Zambian government.