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asks the question does not assume responsibility for the matter nor does he decide whether or not the newspaper statement is true.

All the hon. member for Villeneuve did, and *Hansard* will prove it, was to ask a question, namely "Is it not true" or "Is it true that such and such would know Miss Munsinger, as reported in the *Toronto Star*?"

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, no question of privilege can be raised and I would ask you for a ruling in this connection.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I listened with great interest to the remarks made by the hon. member for Lapointe. I recognize that his point is well taken.

I do not think it is possible to rise on a question of privilege about another question of privilege, as stated a little earlier by the Deputy Speaker of the House (Mr. Batten).

There might have been a point of order raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre, but I agree with the hon. member for Lapointe that there is no prima facie case of privilege raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre. I recognize the hon. member for Villeneuve.

**Mr. Caouette:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It takes so long at times to make hon. members of the official opposition understand—

**Mr. Speaker:** On the other hand, before the hon. member resumes his speech, I take it upon myself to give him a word of warning. He cannot do indirectly what he is not allowed to do directly. In other words, if he feels that he cannot make certain statements on his own, he cannot make them indirectly by reading a newspaper article because he knows that he then assumes that those statements are justified and takes responsibility for them personally. I wish to remind him of that and I am sure that he will keep that in mind while he continues his speech.

**Mr. Caouette:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will heed your advice. I am not making or repeating any statement concerning anyone. I am just asking the government some questions. I have the right to ask questions and I take the responsibility of asking my question or questions.

A few moments ago, the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. Churchill) said: The hon. member should complete his charges.

[Mr. Grégoire.]

I am not accusing anyone, I am asking questions. For the last two days, the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre and other hon. members have been asking the government to give names, more names.

Well, today we are getting names and I am asking questions to find out if it is true or not that such and such was implicated in the Munsinger case.

I said a while ago, Mr. Speaker, that if the Munsinger case is nothing but a private matter, an intrusion in people's privacy, it has nothing to do with the nation's parliament, with the federal parliament. If it is a matter of national security, then the whole Munsinger case must be brought out in the open, from A to Z.

Now, I asked the government: Is it not true that Miss Munsinger, or Mrs. Munsinger, had—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I would remind the hon. member for Villeneuve of my recommendations of a while ago, and ask him not to forget the rather serious responsibility he is taking at the present time.

**Mr. Caouette:** Mr. Speaker, I am aware of my responsibility in asking those questions. Anyway, we will see the answers to these questions, probably all over the Canadian press tonight or tomorrow. All I want to ask, without mentioning anyone, or pointing to anyone, is this:

Is it true Miss Munsinger attended a banquet of the Conservative Party, in Montreal, at which the Leader of the Opposition and most of the cabinet members were present?

Is it true, according to what we hear, that Miss Munsinger is willing to come to Canada as a witness, that she is still living, and living in Munich?

Is it true she is willing to come to Canada to say all she knows about the case which concerns her?

Is it true she has said:

[*English*]

—"if they keep pushing my name around in Canada" but if so wanted protection, expressing fears for her life from a Montreal businessman-racketeer.

[*Translation*]

Is it true that Miss Munsinger said that?

Is it true that this is why the government offers the Conservatives the immediate creation of a judicial inquiry to discover the short and long of this Munsinger story, because we still hear about it, day after day.