

*Non-confidence in Deputy Speaker*

it will not be very long before the rights of private members are lost. I preface what I have to say by these general observations.

But once everything is over the Leader of the Opposition finds that rules have been broken in his presence in the house.

And here he speaks of his love for minorities and for our small number of members; he goes on, as reported on the same page of *Hansard*:

I think the government was responsible for what happened.

The Leader of the Opposition is just as responsible as the government.

Certainly, there was haste.

It is somewhat late to admit it.

Certainly there was a desire on the part of members generally to carry out the responsibility of this nation.

Who are those to whom this nation has expressed the wish that the government introduce with haste a resolution for the shipping of troops overseas or to Cyprus?

When was the Canadian nation consulted? When did the Canadian nation authorize us, ask us to send troops to Cyprus or submit to the government the resolution which the Prime Minister introduced forcibly in the house last Friday evening?

Then the Leader of the Opposition himself goes on to say, as recorded on page 1209 of *Hansard*, and I quote:

He—

The Leader of the Opposition was then referring to the Prime Minister.

He had no leave. No leave had been asked for and no leave had been given.

That is what the Leader of the Opposition said yesterday afternoon, but Friday he let the rules be violated and trampled down right here in this house.

When I say that, I in no way mean to imply that a refractory few should be able to hold up the operations of this house.

Just imagine. There are today minorities and small groups, and they would have fought to safeguard the rights of a member of the House of Commons duly elected by the voters. And he continues:

—I in no way mean to imply that a refractory few should be able to hold up the operations of this house. However, these are the rules. When the rules were brought into effect, parliament was not bifurcated or trifurcated or divided into a multiplicity of opposition groups.

I want the Leader of the Opposition to know that if a member of his political party in this house had been involved, I would have objected in exactly the same way. The Leader of the Opposition contradicted himself glaringly concerning disrespect for the rules.

[Mr. Caouette.]

And the Leader of the Opposition goes on:

I would be the last to fail to rise to defend the right of one member in this house against unfairness. What took place is past. What we are now being asked to do is to place the stigma of responsibility for wrongdoing on the Deputy Speaker. That stand I will not take.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to state clearly that it is not through antipathy that we introduced a motion against the Deputy Speaker, for I have a great respect for my friend the hon. member for Stormont (Mr. Lamoureux), since he has always been up to now completely unprejudiced, but I am inclined to think that last Friday evening, a member of the government, either a minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin) or the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) himself has used his influence on the Deputy Speaker to ask him to allow the resolution to be introduced so that it would be ready at 8.02 p.m. The government is to blame for this.

Mr. Speaker, if it is fully intended to have the standing orders complied with, whether by members of the Liberal party or of other groups in the house, it is up to the Speaker or Deputy Speaker to see to it. Now, we are told two days later that a mistake has been made.

I disagree with the allegations of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) who said we had made a mistake, when he did not have the courage to rise in order to plead urgency. This matter seemed so urgent because our troops had to be sent without delay, and that was the reason for introducing this resolution.

Now, it appears that Sweden and Ireland do not have any troops in Cyprus yet, that Canadians are the only ones there, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs is aware of that situation. Then, why such urgency? Was it for restoring peace in Cyprus or was it for the purpose of climbing another step towards a Nobel prize, in the near or the distant future?

Mr. Speaker, we are the first to wish to abide by the rules of the house and we are asking the other members to do the same.

In closing, I want to reassert that we have nothing against the Deputy Speaker, but let it not happen again.

When the government wants to introduce a motion, it should ask for the unanimous consent of the house, and if a member, whatever the party to which he belongs, is against it, the rules should be respected. The rules should be respected, otherwise we will see new disorder similar to what happened last Friday evening.

We do not have a grudge against the Deputy Speaker, but the Liberal members who try to intervene in the debate would be the