

tions over the weekend, that so far as any care or cost that would be encountered once the families or individuals have arrived here is concerned, many of the Italian community themselves are prepared to supply that assistance immediately. We are working with them to make sure that there would be no hardship.

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### PRIVILEGE

MR. WADDELL—STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. ANDRE

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Madam Speaker, my question of privilege was raised on Friday, and I raised it on Thursday night right after the remarks of the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) as reported at page 5121 of *Hansard*. At that page of *Hansard* and in that speech, the member for Calgary Centre had this to say:

The New Democratic Party energy critic, the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell), was bordering on McCarthyism in some of his remarks which were directed at the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington).

And then he went on to say:

That cheap McCarthyism—

And finally he said, and I quote:

Character and integrity are not words one would use to describe the current New Democratic Party caucus.

The words that I object to and raise the question of privilege on is the charge of "cheap McCarthyism". I want to say that one has to look at the context of the debate in which the remarks were raised.

On November 21 I opened the debate on the Petroleum Administration Act and said that as a Canadian living in western Canada I was concerned about the growing danger of separatism in the west, and I spoke of the importance of Canada to me and of the fact that western members of Parliament can be effective in this House, in this Parliament of Canada, can be effective in winning things for their constituents and for their region, and that western Canada was not monolithic in its outlook, that there were many groups there and perhaps the wrong groups were being heard from.

I said also that I was generally concerned with the fact that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark), like the Premier of Alberta, had not forcefully condemned separatists in western Canada, and specifically I said that I was concerned with the remarks made by the member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington) in which he spoke of separatism and the establishment of a western parliament.

I quoted from an article that was in the *Vancouver Sun* on October 25, 1980, with the headline "MP Urges Western Parliament". I passed out copies of the article to my Conservative colleagues.

I am not alone in raising these concerns. On October 11, 1980, in the *Ottawa Citizen*, George Oake, in the column: "Dateline Vancouver", said the following:

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Conservative Leader Joe Clark appears to be denouncing western separatism these days in almost the same breath he condones the reasons for its existence.

And further on:

A few members of Clark's B.C. caucus have come dangerously close to endorsing separatism. In a recent interview with the *Vancouver Sun*, Capilano MP Ron Huntington called for a western parliament to ensure more bargaining power with central Canada. Vancouver Centre MP Pat Carney has expressed similar sentiments in the House of Commons, despite pleas from some Tories that she hold her tongue.

And finally he quotes at the end of the article John Fraser, the member for Vancouver South who said, and I applaud this, Madam Speaker—

The day they (provinces) want to separate, I will go to the hills with a rifle and fight—that's how strongly I feel about this country—

This was said by the staunch federalist, John Fraser.

I raised those matters in the context of my speech. The Leader of the Opposition was in the House—at least he was in the back of the House—during part of my speech and he chose not to take part in the debate. The member from Capilano was not here for the debate. It was a six-day debate, and these matters were being debated. I point this out to show the context in which my remarks were raised.

At the end of the debate of November 27, instead of the member from Capilano speaking in the debate, as is right, or the Leader of the Opposition speaking, and replying to my criticisms and, indeed replying to general press criticisms which were similar, they did not take that opportunity. Instead, the member from Calgary Centre called my remarks "cheap McCarthyism".

My point of privilege is this, Madam Speaker, first, that the remarks were legitimate criticisms which my friends may not agree with, and that is their right, but I have a right to make them. They come at a time when the polls in western Canada are showing a majority of Canadians from western Canada—

**An hon. Member:** Cheap McCarthyism.

**Mr. Waddell:**—well, they don't want to leave Canada and don't think they are getting a fair deal in Canada. They come at a very, very touchy time. In my speech I suggested ways to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and to the government whereby westerners could get a better deal in Canada. In the debate we talked about the western development fund having provincial input, having a special committee of the House of Commons chaired by an opposition member, probably a Conservative member, on western development, western alienation, and there were a number of positive suggestions. I urge the leaders of both the Liberal and Conservative parties to turn their thoughts and their actions to healing wounds, not to call us hysterical in western Canada, as the Prime Minister did, and not to say, as the Leader of the Opposition did, that he understands the separatists, but does not condemn them.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. Could the hon. member restrain himself to pointing out to the Chair where his question of privilege arises? I do not think it is important or necessary to repeat his speech, which apparently he is referring to quite extensively.