

house does not deal with the Minister of Justice, with what he has said before nor what he is saying today. The hon. member should try to confine himself to the motion now before the house.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I am confining myself to the motion. I am only quoting authorities on the antidemocratic complexes of the "aboulic Liberal flock", to use the words of the Minister of Justice, for I think this is antidemocratic.

The hon. member for York-Humber is not asked for his permission before he is taken off the committees. It is done without his permission, by force of numbers, by force of the "aboulic Liberal flock" which proceeds "with the elegance of cattle rushing to the feeding-trough" as the Minister of Justice said. There is precisely one sentence of the Minister of Justice which clearly condemns those antidemocratic procedures, and I quote:

I notice in the old Liberal guard, the same cynical stupidity—

The old guard consists of those who surround him today, the hon. member for Mercier, (Mr. Boulanger), the hon. member for St. Anne (Mr. Loiselle)—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member should confine his remarks to the motion which is before the house for consideration.

Mr. Grégoire: Very well, I shall not mention any name, and I will carry on with my quotation:

I notice in the Liberal old guard the same cynical stupidity; in the youth associations, I find the same selfish docility, and in between—

This, Mr. Speaker, is the answer to the question which the Minister of Justice asked me.

—and in between, men of my generation who are trembling with anticipation because they had a glimpse of the painted face of power.

It is the painted face of power and honours which have made the Minister of Justice change his mind since 1963.

Mr. Trudeau: Would the hon. member for Lapointe allow me another question?

Mr. Grégoire: Certainly.

Mr. Trudeau: Has the hon. member joined the independentist party when he thought it might come into power?

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, if the Minister of Justice thinks that we shall never come into power, it is all to my credit, because I

Personnel Changes in Standing Committees did not join that party to assume power, but rather to promote ideas.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Grégoire: Whereas in the same article, Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Habel: Long live freedom.

Mr. Grégoire: Another sheep is bleating, Mr. Speaker. In the same article, the Minister of Justice said, and I quote:

But I have yet to trample down democracy. That is why, on April 8, I intend to vote for the New Democratic party.

Two years later, he was a Liberal party candidate. He is—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I remind the hon. member once again that he must confine himself to the motion before the house.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to discuss, and that is not out of order, the antidemocratic action we are taking now. It seems that in the Liberal party one must behave as if one belonged to a flock of little red lambs, if not, out! No more lollipops! No more candy!

Mr. Béchard: Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the hon. member for Lapointe?

Mr. Grégoire: Yes, certainly.

Mr. Béchard: Does the hon. member for Lapointe find that the Ralliement Créditiste took antidemocratic action when it threw him out a few years ago?

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows not whereof he speaks for, and I refer him to the statement of my former colleagues, they did not throw me out, I left on my own, and we remained good friends. Perhaps we had differences of opinion, but they did not throw me out, and the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier) can tell you so. I was not thrown out by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette) nor by anyone else, I left of my own free will, and hon. members opposite know it.

• (2:50 p.m.)

Some hon. Members: Yes, yes.

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Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Speaker, when efforts are made to change a political party into a