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would perhaps have a question of privilege to raise at the next sitting of the House with Madam Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Withdraw it, Peter.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The hon. member for Spadina.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Stollery: I am not clear on this point. If hon. members opposite—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) on a point of order.

Mr. Taylor: If the hon. member is going to withdraw one untruth he had better withdraw his whole speech because three quarters of it is—

An hon. Member: The truth hurts.

Mr. Stollery: Mr. Speaker, the truth seems to have touched some raw nerves over there tonight.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Mayer: How would you know? You would not know it.

Mr. Stollery: For months I have listened to the speeches of the Conservatives.

Mr. Gamble: You have not been here.

Mr. Stollery: I was here when the hon. member who just spoke was out organizing the campaign to dump his leader. I was here.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is the hon. member for York North (Mr. Gamble) seeking the floor on a point of order?

Mr. Gamble: Yes, Mr. Speaker. It is regrettable that while the nation seeks to deal with a matter as significant as the Constitution, we should hear comments of the kind we have just heard, comments that are untrue, made with respect to—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Gamble: That may be amusing but on two specific occasions—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I should like to hear the hon. member on a point of order, if that is possible.

An hon. Member: That means he has changed his mind.

Mr. Gamble: It does not mean anything of the kind. It simply means that it is inappropriate that I should be quoted as having endeavoured to do something which I did not endeavour to do. As part of a speech—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Collenette: You are a failure!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The Chair fails to recognize a point of order. The hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Stollery).

Mr. Stollery: Mr. Speaker, I hope that the time which hon. members used for their interjections will not be taken from my time.

For months I have listened to the speeches of the Conservatives opposite. I have watched the faces opposite. They show the scars of their national convention at which one third of the delegates said that they favoured a leadership convention. Faces opposite have grown longer and longer as they wonder more and more if they are not being used in a skin-saving attempt by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark). We know that the Leader of the Opposition is desperate for a national election.

Mr. Taylor: At least he is not a dictator.

Mr. Stollery: He will do anything to save his neck. He has had it. He is finished. The only question remaining is whether or not he will take the Tory party down with him.

Mr. Gustafson: But he is honest!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Stollery: The hon. member opposite says, "But he is honest". He admits that he is taking the Tory party down with him. That is why the hon. member opposite sits opposite.

Mr. Nystrom: Stollery for leader.

Mr. Stollery: The Leader of the Opposition is about to go down in history as the man who ran a national election campaign in a world petroleum crisis against Petro-Can and is now running his leadership campaign against the Canadian Constitution. If you did not see it, you would not believe it!

I have been a Member of Parliament for nearly nine years.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Too long.

Mr. Kempling: You would never know it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nystrom: Resign.

An hon. Member: Motorcycling to Ottawa!