

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I did not say that I was not going to. I said that I was not having any investigation made at that time.

Mr. GRAYDON: And that you were not going to do it.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: I did not say that.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, since the incident which occurred at Lethbridge has apparently been mentioned in the house, I crave the privilege this morning of saying just a few words. The incident as reported in the newspaper was an entire distortion of that affair. During the course of my speech in Lethbridge I had occasion to refer to the rise of racial animosity in Canada, and the persecution of minorities. I referred specifically to a speech made by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Jaques) on July 12, 1943, and reported in *Hansard*. At that point Mr. Landeryou, Social Credit candidate, said, "That's a lie."

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: Wasn't it?

Mr. COLDWELL: No, it was not. And I repeated the reference to the protocols of Zion, which the hon. member had placed upon the record. The interrupter made the same remark. I then said, "You will either withdraw that remark, apologize for that remark, or you will leave the meeting." I then sat down. I waited a full minute or more, during which time some people in the audience were endeavouring to persuade the interrupter either to apologize or leave. Then the chairman rose and said, "The interrupter has had time to consider what he will do. I give him another five seconds to rise and apologize, or be shown out."

Mr. GRAYDON: Was it "shown" or "shoved"?

Mr. COLDWELL: "Shown". Then ushers took him, without undue violence, from the hall. On the outside of the building he became abusive, and accused some of our people there of being fascists. Then I am told a man—

Mr. REID: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. COLDWELL: —who had already had three sons overseas—one killed, one missing, and another who was now serving, struck him. It was on the outside of the hall. That is what occurred.

Mr. GRAYDON: Mr. Speaker is on his feet.

[Mr. Graydon.]

Mr. REID: My point of order is this: can a matter that occurred outside this house be debated in the house?

Mr. GRAYDON: You will be given just five seconds if you are not careful.

Mr. REID: I have another story to tell. If this is going to be a free for all, let us get in on it.

Mr. COLDWELL: May I say that—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question was raised before in the house by the leader of the opposition on a question addressed to the Minister of Justice. It has been raised again to-day, and I thought it was only fair that the hon. member should have an opportunity to speak.

Mr. GARDINER: On the point of order, this incident that is being recited is just typical of dozens of incidents put on by the C.C.F. all over western Canada.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is not true.

Mr. GARDINER: I have been called a liar from the audience by C.C.F. organizers at least twenty times within the last ten years. There is nothing new about that at all. He is simply getting back what he organized in western Canada.

Mr. COLDWELL: I have no knowledge of any such incidents. May I say that if I were the Minister of Agriculture and anyone called me a liar he would not remain in my presence any length of time.

Mr. REID: No; you would get strong-arm men to do it.

Mr. GARDINER: The Liberal party to which I belong has never organized storm troopers in western Canada to throw anybody out. When I want anyone thrown out of my meetings I throw them out myself.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is why no one ever gets flung out.

#### INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

INTERNMENT: CAMILLIEN HOUDE—REPORTED STATEMENT OF JACQUES SAURIOL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): I should like to ask the Minister of Justice a question. Has he come to any decision with regard to the release of ex-Mayor Houde of Montreal before the last day for nominations, next Tuesday, for the Quebec elections? Second, has any action been taken in connection with the press report of a statement of Jacques