

that in 1982, 1983 and 1984, when we had problems in this country, decided to continue giving foreign aid. We continued our aid to Ethiopia, against the advice of many Conservative Members who were clearly only thinking of themselves and who cannot consider the countries of the Third World.

Mr. Plamondon: Like my colleague, Mr. Speaker, I am surprised by the remarks made yesterday and today by the Hon. Member. You mentioned an over-all plan, yet you know full well that two countries, the United States and the U.S.S.R., can hardly agree to sit down together to talk about disarmament. Highfaluting remarks on that issue come easy, but you know that all the travelling done by the former Prime Minister did not accomplish anything, except perhaps increase our deficit.

Yesterday you said something about giving the example to other countries. First we ought to show them that we can properly manage our own affairs and cut down our deficit. Then we might be in a better position to help them even more, and the only way to do that is to follow the policy which has already been advocated by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson).

You referred to independence with respect to the United States, and yesterday you even said that Canada was like a small dog on a leash. Those words come as a surprise to me. Was it not your Prime Minister who took it upon himself to put Quebec in its place when that province wanted to seek independence? You talk about Canadian independence, but what did the Prime Minister you bragged about yesterday do when Quebec was talking about independence? He said no way and put the province in its place. He lied from every podium during the referendum campaign and then stated that we would have a new agreement, but this agreement has not yet—

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Ms. Copps: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think I did hear the Hon. Member say that our Prime Minister had lied. I suggest that is a breach of the Standing Orders and I would like him to withdraw his words immediately.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would ask the Hon. Member for Richelieu (Mr. Plamondon) to withdraw his words.

Mr. Plamondon: Mr. Speaker, I respectfully withdraw the words to the effect that the Prime Minister had lied; let us just say that those misleading words—

Ms. Copps: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) on a point of order.

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Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member ought to withdraw without reservations, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would ask the Hon. Member to withdraw his words without using the word "misleading" in the remarks he made after withdrawing the offending words.

Mr. Plamondon: Mr. Speaker, I shall respectfully withdraw the comments that you are asking me to withdraw and continue by saying that the Hon. Member also spoke about certain promises, for instance. We are told that we are breaking our promises even though, after six months in power, we have already kept more promises than the former Government did in three years. I am thinking, for instance, about the extraordinary speech made by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) about the status of women. And what about agriculture? What about the incentives for small businesses? Dear colleague, you should remember the promises made by your own Government in 1980 after you had defeated a democratically elected Government, when elections were held in February at a cost of \$105 million because of four promises made by your party. The first promise was not to increase the price of gas because the previous Government had had the honesty—

[English]

Miss Nicholson: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Since this Member apparently does not know the rules of the House, perhaps you would be kind enough to remind him that he should address the Chair.

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Richelieu (Mr. Plamondon).

Mr. Plamondon: May I continue, Mr. Speaker? I was saying that the Hon. Member has said that we did not keep our promises and I was reminding her of the four promises made in 1980, including a promise to reduce the deficit, which then amounted to \$13 billion and which has now reached nearly \$35 billion.

We were also promised by the party opposite that Government expenditures would be controlled. These expenditures then amounted to \$62 billion and they now amount to \$105 billion. We were also promised that unemployment would be brought down. This is why a duly elected government was defeated, but the only result was to double the unemployment figures.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member. I would like to give a few moments to the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) for a reply, but I also want to remind the Hon. Member that his comments and remarks during this period set aside for questions should