

formed his best stunts. Indeed, giving his moral support to the oil magnates of Alberta, he tries to show some concern for the interests of Canadian consumers. Is that attitude of the opposition ascribable to an unconditional allegiance to the Alberta government which seems to be strictly devoted to the interests of the great oil companies and which does not care a bit about eastern Canadians.

This question remains ambiguous and in my opinion, it is the duty of hon. members opposite to state their views. What is their position? I would like them to let it plainly known. I would also like to know what they tell the people when they go in Alberta. I would like to find out their position when they go in eastern Canada. What do they say? They constantly change their version as they move from one province to the other.

**Mr. Baker:** That is not true.

**Mr. Olivier:** Further to the problems that we meet, our political system, the very nature of our country, brought together regions whose aspirations are often contradictory. The importance of the activity of Parliament and more particularly of the members stems precisely from the existence of inequalities in the distribution of goods and the mentality of every person that we find here.

**Mr. Wagner:** It is written in shorthand, he cannot even read it.

**Mr. Olivier:** This is very well written. Of the viewpoint—

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would remind the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe that when he was a judge he would not tolerate any noise in court. Today, he is one of the two Progressive Conservative members elected in Quebec. He was complaining yesterday of the fact that some Quebec members were not speaking. I would ask him to be at least courteous enough to listen to the hon. member for Longueuil.

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I suggest to the hon. member for Laval (Mr. Roy) that when I was a judge, people pleading before me were much more gentlemanly and respectful. But this is not what happened when I listened to the first words of the hon. member who is now holding his speech and trying to read it. If that hon. member wants to be gentlemanly, honest and straight toward his colleagues, then we will allow him to read his speech as well as he can.

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** For some reason, the debate on this bill seems to have generated a number of subdebates, more particularly during the last hour. But I do not think they really give cause for points of order because most of these exchanges have been in subdued voice between distinct parts of the chamber. I do not have to point out where most of this is coming from, but I would ask that the hon. member who is recognized by the Chair, and who does have the floor, be allowed to speak.

### *Energy Supplies Emergency Act*

[Translation]

**Mr. Olivier:** Mr. Speaker, I was never ashamed of what I said. I can repeat what I said at the beginning, I can keep on and he can keep on acting like a clown, I was never interested in that.

In any case, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe can try to prevent me from telling the truth, I will tell it just the same. He can send his police officers with their truncheons, I will tell the truth just the same. He could quote the Scripture or the words of an archbishop in 1900, I will keep on telling the truth, Mr. Speaker. I am not ashamed of what I say.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to try to make certain things clear to my illustrious colleagues. I would like my Alberta colleagues to understand that in emergencies, one must think first not of the province, but of the country one represents here in the House of Commons.

**An hon. Member:** That is fine.

**Mr. Olivier:** When there is an apparent emergency at the national level, Mr. Speaker, one should put aside local pettiness and think rather of the Canadian people as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, what we were told fully justifies the action we want to take. Moreover, it must be kept in mind that our parliamentary system is made up of several parties and that in an emergency, we must support fair and reasonable ideas in the face of an actual situation. Mr. Speaker, what would happen this winter, if people ran out of oil in Montreal? If the same thing happened in Saint-Hyacinthe? People would get up in arms and cry shame. They would tell us we made no plans, we did not act. What would happen if lives were lost because we did nothing, and did not foresee the situation?

**An hon. Member:** The hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe would not be cold.

**An hon. Member:** He is never there.

**Mr. Olivier:** Someone said that the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe would not be cold because he is never in his riding. I wonder if he ever goes there. He can answer me when he wants to; in any event, he is always talking.

Mr. Speaker, the importance of the debate today—

**Mr. Wagner:** One is so smart at that age! If only he grows older!

**Mr. Olivier:** I am not through: I have just started.

One thing is sure: even if I do grow older, I will not let anyone buy me off; I will not change party ten times.

• (1650)

Mr. Speaker, the Progressive Conservative party, through the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe, is taking this crisis lightly. He is merely trying to restore his fortunes in Quebec. I think also of the manner whereby the Progressive Conservatives try to present their views. In addition to the numerous frustrations we have suffered due to their position in respect of language, they are now trying to divide the country even further, they are willing-