

The Address—Mr. Diefenbaker

be very happy to give him the floor if he rises on a point of order as the Prime Minister proceeds.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, the words I used are these; these are the words and the translation:

Opposition members therefore cannot vote confidence in the present government without being traitors—

Mr. Pearson: Traitors.

Mr. Diefenbaker: —“to the mandate”.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Not at all. You stopped there.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Benidickson: Absolute deceit. They want to change *Hansard*.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The point at issue, I think, will be determined when the blue sheet of *Hansard* come to the members.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I heard it clearly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If I may finish my sentence—when they come before the house and later, of course, in the publication that is issued tomorrow. In the meantime is the Leader of the Opposition rising on a point of order?

Mr. Pearson: I am quite willing to let this matter be determined by the blue sheets of *Hansard*.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): And I heard him use the words, plainly heard him.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I want to give the floor now, if I may, to the Prime Minister so that he can resume his address.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I repeat that I said “a traitor to the mandate,” and the record will speak. If hon. gentlemen did not hear it—

Mr. Benidickson: We will trust *Hansard*.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I intended during the course of my remarks to nail down and throw back in the face of the Leader of the Opposition his unprincipled suggestion that I withheld facts regarding Canada's problems. When I said that Canada was in an economic upsurge I take it that his stand is that a foreign exchange emergency cannot arise in the midst of an economic upsurge. I also intend to prove that I not only did not conceal facts from the Canadian people but I placed before them the facts as they were.

An hon. Member: After the election.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): You did, too.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): What is that?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): You concealed the facts from the people of Canada.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker.]

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): That is a false statement, utterly false.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, I must be irritating some parts of the anatomy of the opposition. I want to say that all of this is part of a deliberate policy, to use the Leader of the Opposition's own words in one speech—

Mr. Pickersgill: What speech?

Mr. Diefenbaker: I shall produce the speech; there are so many of them—that we need no longer discredit him. I do not mind criticism but, sir, all through the campaign there was ridicule poured on the fact that I have not an Anglo Saxon name. Their advertising used the first two syllables of my name in ridicule, and I finally found where they got my dog, Happy, into it. That was about the last touch.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Surely you are not in the class of Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Harkness: Try and restrain yourself.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): And Roosevelt was a great president.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I wish to tell the hon. gentleman opposite that I am not going to classify him because he would be awfully mad if I did.

Now then, I shall first therefore deal in part with the economic situation as it was and as it has developed since the election. Then I am going to refer to the experience of Canada in 1947, when we had an exchange crisis, and the explanation that was given at that time. Then I shall place before the house in general the economic plan that we have for the next five years. Some of it has been set out in the speech from the throne. Parts of it cannot be dealt with or referred to until a budget has been brought in.

In passing, may I say that this policy of ridiculing Canada or the leadership in Canada did not prevent the Leader of the Opposition yesterday from casting scorn upon the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding Canada's position internationally. I do not know why he would do that. Wherever I go there is no jealousy. The Secretary of State for External Affairs is regarded as one who has given leadership all over the world on behalf of that one thing we are all striving for, without regard to party considerations, namely disarmament and an ending of this arms race that can only lead to catastrophe unless it is stopped.

The Leader of the Opposition did not speak at any length in regard to external affairs. I am just going to outline generally our views and particularly answer those allegations that were made respecting any action on my part to delude the Canadian people. I welcome the opportunity of meeting those allegations.