

Privilege—Mr. Waddell

research and development targets? Will the government also ensure that university research in industrial and technological development is related to provincial as well as national interests?

Mr. Roberts: Madam Speaker, the hon. member read his question rather quickly and I am not sure I caught all of the nuances. If he is asking whether there is a review under way of educational transfer arrangements, I would say that in the general reconsideration of the established programs financing arrangements, that is taking place.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. WADDELL—STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. ANDRE

Madam Speaker: On November 28, 1980, the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) raised a question of privilege in which he objected to the use of the term "McCarthyism" by the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre), who had applied that term to describe certain actions of the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. In turn, the hon. member for Calgary Centre objected to the use of the term "separatism", which had been applied by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway to describe a position taken by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington), and others. A spirited debate ensued, which I followed closely, and which demonstrated to my satisfaction that however opprobrious the terms "McCarthyism" and "separatism" might be, they do not fall within the general class of words such as "crook, demagogue, idiot", and so forth, which have been ruled unparliamentary.

Whether one approves of the connotations or not, the words "McCarthyism" and "separatism" have become part of the political vocabulary and therefore their applicability is a matter of interpretation and debate in which the Chair has no role.

Furthermore, I would suggest that Erskine May offers a useful test of unparliamentary language at page 445 of the nineteenth edition where it is stated:

From time to time the Chair has intervened to deal with the use of certain expressions in debate, which, in the context in which they were used, were abusive or insulting and of a nature to cause disorder.

It seems to me, therefore, that to be unparliamentary in the true sense, the language must be both abusive or insulting and give rise to a certain disorder.

Having said all of that, however, I would draw the attention of all hon. members to another passage in the same edition of Erskine May at page 429 where it is stated:

Good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language. Parliamentary language is never more desirable than when a member is canvassing the opinions and conduct of his opponents in debate.

MR. BROADBENT—STATEMENT MADE BY MR. TRUDEAU DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, I rise on a separate question of privilege. Earlier in the day in the question period the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), in answer to me and a member for the Conservative party, suggested that the New Democratic Party does not share his stated interest in problems of the Third World. Madam Speaker, my question of privilege is that the Prime Minister was misstating reality, of which he ought to have been aware. I want to make it known that this party has always made it abundantly clear to anyone who would listen that we will support any effort to alleviate poverty in the Third World. Furthermore, we will support the Prime Minister with respect to his trip abroad, which he plans to make after Christmas. If he comes back with a commitment made by Canada to do at least what the average Scandinavian countries are doing for the Third World, he will have the support of the New Democratic Party.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: But the point raised in the question by myself was that the Prime Minister should begin at home, as well, in showing concern for the problems faced by Canadians. They are not mutually exclusive concerns.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member does not have a question of privilege. I think he realizes that. He did want to make a point, and I suppose he has made it.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. HNATYSHYN—STATEMENT MADE BY MR. TRUDEAU DURING QUESTION PERIOD

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In view of the fact that there was not a question of privilege by the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent), I simply want to indicate that I was not standing on that same question of privilege because I think the Prime Minister's statement was beneath contempt. I refuse to answer that stupid kind of accusation.

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MR. SARGEANT—CANADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN MANITOBA

Madam Speaker: I have notice of a question of privilege from the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant).

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege affecting many members of this House. It concerns some of the actions, or perhaps lack of actions, by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr.