

The first piece of ballast to be thrown overboard was John Turner. They threw him out of the basket so quickly that he broke the sound barrier on the way down. Senator Davey then looked around for the next piece of baggage or ballast that could be disposed of and he settled on Herb Gray. They threw Herb Gray overboard and he broke the law of gravity on the way down.

Senator Davey then looked around at the rest of the people in the basket and decided he must keep a few of those, so he kept Senator MacEachen and Senator Frith to be a front for him.

Senator Davey looked around again, and decided, as he said, that he needed some hot air. He then picked Senator Sinclair for that purpose and, for a backup, he picked Senator Gigantès. Ever since, he has been attempting to keep the balloon up with the aid of those two senators.

A balloon, however, also requires ground crew. For that purpose, Senator Davey used Senators Kenny and Kirby for manipulating the ropes. There is another factor necessary that is known in the trade as dead or dumb weight and, for that purpose, he has been using the Senate.

There is another possibility and that is that Senator MacEachen looked at the present leadership and said, "I have lost my opportunity. The present Leader of the Liberal Party must go." Senator MacEachen remembers his efforts to obtain the Liberal leadership and has come to the conclusion that it is unfair that he never became Liberal leader.

Senator Davey: I wonder, senator, whether all of this information is in the *Montreal Gazette*, or are you making it up? I would just like to know which?

Senator Phillips: No, I am just reminding honourable senators of the background to this opposition.

Senator Davey: So you are making it up.

Senator Phillips: I do not want Senator Davey to be confused, as he usually is. I am attempting to straighten him out, and I wish he would pay attention.

Senator MacEachen decides that it is time he became Prime Minister. He assesses his situation. He leads the majority in the Senate; he leads the majority in the Liberal caucus, so he decides that he is now Prime Minister MacEachen—a sort of Prime Minister in exile. Honourable senators, when Senator MacEachen gets up in the morning, he looks in the mirror and says, "I am just a shorter version of General de Gaulle in exile."

I believe my honourable leader and Senator Murray both mentioned the agreement in the House of Commons. Honourable senators, I would like to emphasize that that agreement was made in caucus. It was approved by all three parties in caucus—

Senator Davey: May I ask Senator Phillips if he attended the Liberal caucus? Is he sure of what happened there?

Senator Phillips: God forbid that I would attend that group.

Senator Davey: That is the first thing you have said that I agree with, senator.

Senator Phillips: I merely took the word of the Leader of the Liberal Party and the house leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons, who both said that it was approved in caucus.

Senator Davey: May I ask another question, senator—

Senator Roblin: Why don't you wait until Senator Phillips has finished? You can make your own speech later.

Senator Davey: If Senator Phillips does not choose to answer the questions, that is his decision.

Would you like a question or not, Senator Phillips?

Senator Phillips: No, I am getting tired of your questions. They are not very good.

Senator Sinclair: Gentility, gentility.

Senator Phillips: That is right; if he keeps his seat, that will be gentility, senator.

As I have said, the agreement was made and approved by the Liberal caucus. Now here is an interesting situation that arises: The majority of those attending the Liberal caucus are senators, and let me remind you, if you did not have Liberal senators, you would not have a Liberal caucus. You would not have enough members to hold a caucus meeting. Therefore, somewhere, those honourable senators must have agreed to the principle that was later adopted in the House of Commons. Honourable Senator Stewart shakes his head; I am sure that when he speaks, he will explain to us what took place in Liberal caucus, and I look forward to hearing that.

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I think a third possibility for the origin of the delaying action by the Liberal senators is due to the fact that the Honourable Senator MacEachen looked back in history and thought: "Well, Trudeau came back, why can't I?" Perhaps he sees this as his first step on the long road back. I understand that he has also picked his theme song. He went back a few years and picked a hit tune, "The Cat Came Back", and Senator MacEachen is trying to come back through his actions on Bill C-11.

However, honourable senators, a more likely course of action is that John Turner is masterminding the whole nefarious scheme. The public is aware that it was John Turner who not only appointed Senator MacEachen to this chamber, but also made him Leader of the Government in the Senate.

Senator MacEachen: No, they are not aware of that because he did not. That is not true. Get your facts straight.

Senator Phillips: He made you Leader of the Government in the Senate and, after the election, made you Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

Senator MacEachen: No, he did not appoint me to this chamber.

Senator Phillips: He made you Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.