

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Trudeau:** You did not publish them.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** You publish them.

**Mr. Trudeau:** We intend to publish them. That was the thrust of my answer yesterday.

**Mr. Clark:** When? In ten years?

**Mr. Trudeau:** The Leader of the Opposition did not publish them when he had the results.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister forgets that in the proposed legislation dealing with freedom of information, the option is clearly there that poll data collected pertaining to federal-provincial relations may not be made available to the public. The further implication, therefore, is that the government of the day may be asking questions and keeping the information ad infinitum. We have to rely on its judgment if it is not obligated by law, which sounds a little peculiar coming from a man who is at this time advocating a charter of rights to protect the interests of Canadian citizens.

● (1430)

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Broadbent:** I should like to ask the Prime Minister this. In this particular field of federal-provincial relations, what conceivable kind of information should be kept from the people of Canada and not released to them once it is gathered? How would that jeopardize the public interest? Surely it can be used for partisan reasons exclusively. If the answer the Prime Minister is going to give us is the same as the one he has just given, his whole approach to the freedom of information legislation surely is a grotesque fantasy.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Trudeau:** Madam Speaker, when the Leader of the New Democratic Party says these polls are used for partisan purposes, he seems to forget that in this instance the government is formed by the Liberal party, as it was formed last year by the Conservative party; and it is the government which is doing the polling and it is the government which is using the result of the poll to inform itself as to what policies—

**An hon. Member:** Why shouldn't we see it?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**An hon. Member:** What about Parliament?

**Mr. Trudeau:** For the same reason that when the provinces poll on a subject having to do with federal-provincial relations—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Trudeau:** I understand that the New Democratic Party is embarrassed; when getting power in Saskatchewan they followed practices which they condemn in opposition. This has been a constant pattern.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Trudeau:** But, Madam Speaker, I would like to be on record as saying, quite frankly I do not give a damn about polls and I do not take polls.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Trudeau:** I would be perfectly happy—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I would be perfectly happy to support any move or any legislation making polling at the federal and provincial levels completely illegal.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** I recognize the hon. member for Provencher.

**An hon. Member:** This is incredible.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Provencher.

**An hon. Member:** Publish and be damned.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. Could we have some order, please. This is the third time I have given the floor to the hon. member for Provencher; he was not able to hear me.

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## GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

### EXPANSION OF CONSTITUTION PATRIATION PROGRAM

**Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher):** Madam Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister responsible for government advertising, following up on questions of yesterday. The game plan of the Liberal party as it appears in a leaked memo—and I call it a game plan because they have been following it exactly—says that now is the time for the hard sell. Today in an interview the minister was asked about reports that the government was planning to expand its advertising budget to the tune of some \$30 million in 1980 to sell the patriation plan, to which the minister replied “at the moment it isn't so”. Would the minister now tell the House when the hard sell program is being planned and what is its budget?

**Hon. Jim Fleming (Minister of State, Multiculturalism):** Madam Speaker, there has been no decision on a further constitutional campaign.