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PRAYERS.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. SPEAKER: On Thursday last the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Nugent) rose on what he termed a question of personal privilege which he said affected not only himself but other honourable Members, arising out of an article published in *Le Droit* on October 14 last. The honourable Member said that the article imputes an improper motive to himself and that it is a gross distortion of the facts. He then gave notice of a motion that Mr. Marcel Pepin be called before the Bar of this House to be dealt with as having breached our privileges.

As honourable Members know, the article in question was read into the record by the Clerk of the House, after which I asked the House to give me an opportunity to analyze the article in question and to study the motion proposed by the honourable Member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

(The English translation of the said article in "Le Droit" being as follows):

SOME ADMIRALS WANT TO PRESERVE THE ANGLO-PROTESTANT
CHARACTER OF THE NAVY

By MARCEL PEPIN

Certain retired admirals have vowed that the navy would remain what it has always been, that is, British and Protestant. The Conservative outburst of passion against Mr. Paul Hellyer, Minister of National Defence is the work of two retired admirals who have not swallowed the appointment of General Jean-V. Allard as head of the integrated forces, with full authority over the navy.