

ings. The Hall of Honour exists to honour Canadians. When I think of it being used for a Liberal convention, I wonder what Canadians will think of the manner in which we treat and remember the people for whom that Hall exists. Whether or not the rules of the House provide for such, I think it is grossly wrong. It is a matter of principle, and that basic principle is wrong.

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

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege which has nothing to do with the matter presently before the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** I might as well hear other members on the main subject, rather than on a new question of privilege.

**Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, this matter is very disturbing, as was suggested by the hon. member for Kootenay (Mr. Brisco). Those of us who were brought up as students of parliamentary procedures and practices respect the decorum of these hallowed halls and buildings. We feel great shame because we have to go to our constituents and tell them the type of bash which will take place, and with this precedent set, what types of bashes will take place in the future. This will lower the respect for and the decorum of the House of Commons, as well as each hon. member.

Toward the end of Your Honour's remarks you indicated that consultations would take place with House leaders and that the Independent would be excluded. My constituents are just as important to the operations of the House as any of the constituents of the other 264 hon. members. All members should re-examine themselves as members of parliament. Anyone who has the audacity to make such a proposal to Your Honour should be bloody well ashamed of himself.

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Jones:** I see the hon. cabinet minister from Newfoundland is putting his collar up around his head. He should do that. He should be ashamed of himself.

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

**Mr. Jones:** I am a Canadian—

**An hon. Member:** Doubtful.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Withdraw that remark.

**Mr. MacFarlane:** Who are you? Are you Mr. Speaker?

**Mr. Forrestall:** I am not Mr. Speaker, but I do not think remarks like that should be made to any member of this House.

**Mr. Jones:** In reply to the hon. member opposite, let me indicate that I am a true blooded Canadian. I have gone through a lot to get to this House. I expect hon. members to respect each other. The application before the House is stupid and shameful. I hope hon. members opposite can live with it. I

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am sure their constituents will not live with it. I will proudly tell my constituents there is no way, if I was a member of a party—and I do not think I ever want to be—I would want to have a bash in these hallowed halls.

At one time an hon. member from Cape Breton indicated that the parliament buildings reminded him of a church. Yes, that is so, and there are many vacant seats too. All of the buildings on Parliament Hill are held in awe and are respected. People from all over Canada come here to see parliament in operation, as well as the beautiful buildings. If they knew the Hall of Honour was to be used for receptions and there would be 26 bars, I am sure all hon. members would be ousted out, in one way or another, before the next election.

I will not be present at the consultations which Your Honour will conduct, but I plead with you to use and exercise your jurisdiction to cut out bashes now. There is no need of any further complications. Your Honour should show Canadians that your office is one which can be respected.

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment briefly on the question of privilege before the House. I should like to refer to one of the more hypocritical suggestions made today. I am not one of the organizers of the affair referred to, but I should like to point out that the Liberal party will pay for any use that is made of buildings on Parliament Hill. I felt I had to say that because the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) and the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) left the impression that the Liberal Party of Canada was receiving something for nothing. I should like to correct that impression.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** How much is the rent?

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

**Mr. Stollery:** Mr. Speaker, I sat here quietly in my place listening to hon. members opposite making rather unpleasant and hypocritical remarks about the Liberal party. Surely I am entitled to the same courtesy from them.

The question has been before the House since three o'clock, during which time the hon. House leader indicated that hundreds of lawyers use the facilities of the House of Commons. There are Christmas parties for the Conservative and Liberal parties, which are attended by approximately 1,500 or 2,000 people. The opposition is attempting to create the impression that unless a person is a member of an elitist group and works in parliament, he should not have the opportunity of using the facilities of the House of Commons.

People interested in politics, whether Liberal, Conservative, New Democratic or Social Credit, should be allowed to conduct social affairs in the parliament buildings. The House of Commons is representative of the Canadian political system and works toward retaining the type of democracy Canada has. I say this for all sides of the House. There is the example of the press gallery dinner. No one is supposed to talk about the press gallery dinner. We all go to the press gallery dinner every year and swear a great vow of secrecy that we will not