

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Secretary of State for External Affairs uses the word "forged" in connection with another hon. member, because it reveals to me that he is returning to the cannibalism he practised when he was in the opposition. I think the word "forged" should be withdrawn so the record is clear.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure that on reflection hon. members will agree with me that it is not unparliamentary to refer to a document as a forged document. I certainly cannot see what is unparliamentary in this. What is against the rules of the house is for an hon. member to say that another member has used a document which he represented as being authentic, knowing it was not. This certainly would be unparliamentary and would have to be withdrawn. There is a clear line between the two, but I must suggest to hon. members that not much can be gained by pursuing the matter further.

**Mr. Churchill:** Mr. Speaker, I did not start this interchange; the Secretary of State for External Affairs did. I now ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs to prove his implied charge that I used a forged document in the house. Now then, if he has the evidence let us have it. He has not got the evidence; that is why he is afraid to do it.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** Mr. Speaker, I may be accused of many things but my hon. friend will not be able to accuse me of being afraid to deal in debate with him or anyone else in this house.

**Mr. Churchill:** I accuse you right now.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I made it clear, Mr. Speaker, that I had made no accusation against my hon. friend, and I readily accept his denial of something which had not been said in this instance. Since he has made a denial, under the rules of the house willingly I accept it without any reservations.

**Some hon. Members:** Withdraw.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** There is nothing to withdraw.

**Some hon. Members:** Withdraw.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Starr:** Now you are back to your normal state, something you have kept in check for three years.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. This exchange between the two members is getting some-

what out of control. I really do not think, and I repeat, that there was anything to withdraw. The minister has just made a statement in which he said he did not impute any motives to the hon. member. To all intents and purposes he has withdrawn anything he might have said which might have hurt the hon. member, and which might have been unparliamentary. I now recognize the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam.

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a supplementary question of the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the uncertainty as to what the minister did say or did not say in his speech to the Canadian Club over the week end, I wonder if he would make available copies of that speech to members of the house.

**Mr. Martin (Essex East):** I would be very glad to do that, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I direct a supplementary question to the Secretary of State. Will she communicate with the officials of the C.B.C. to ensure that the tape of the minister's speech, to which reference has been made, will be preserved and be available for the external affairs committee?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that really my hon. friend himself has pretty good lines of communication with the C.B.C.

**Mr. Nielsen:** As a supplementary question, would the minister answer my question and give the house the assurance that she will see the officials of the C.B.C. in order to preserve that tape?

**Miss LaMarsh:** Surely that is the responsibility of the external affairs committee. It is its business; it isn't my business.

**Mr. Nielsen:** As a further supplementary, will she communicate with the officials of the C.B.C. to see that the tape is preserved and not destroyed?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

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On the orders of the day:

**Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the right hon. Prime Minister. Further to my inquiry of yesterday