

rates on the floor of the House of Commons, but I say to the hon. member that he should reconcile the policy he is advocating with his friend from Don Valley who has been recommending for some months that the Canadian dollar appreciate against the American dollar. The current reasons for this appear to be, first of all, the general weakness of the American dollar, reflecting a very weak first quarter in the American economy, compounded by the Canadian situation where we have a very strong economy and perhaps the best balance of payments situation of any industrial country in the world.

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

**Mr. Hees:** As the minister made no attempt to answer my question—

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

**Mr. Hees:**—and obviously intends to take no action to stop the dollar from rising and endangering Canadian exports, may I ask the minister whether this is the kind of dynamic leadership we can expect him to give when he presents his budget on May 6?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I doubt whether that supplementary is in order. The hon. member for Peace River.

#### ALLEGED PRIOR REVELATION OF BUDGET PROPOSALS

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance who will be bringing down his budget on May 6. He is obviously aware of the strict requirements as to secrecy of presentation regarding the budget. Was the minister aware and did he approve of the striptease technique practised by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Prime Minister in response to a planted question, in disclosing matters and tax proposals which quite clearly are or ought to lie squarely within the realm of a budget presentation? Did he give his approval to what was done, or has he expressed his concern to the Prime Minister?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I would like the hon. member to specify what particular divulgations I made which might be of a budgetary nature. Would he please do that? He has accused me of talking about budgetary matters.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Peace River on a supplementary question.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, I will be glad to take the Prime Minister outside later because I am unable to answer questions.

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

**Mr. Baldwin:** Members on this side will be answering questions in a few short weeks. I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Finance. Has the minister received representations today following the extremely chaotic conditions which prevailed on the stock

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exchanges, particularly in Toronto, with a monetary erosion of almost \$2 billion in Toronto and a 50 per cent increase in the volume of sales as a result of these improper disclosures? Is the minister able to assure the House there will be no further disclosures, either in the form of public electronic trafficking for political advantage or at all, and can he assure the House that the residue of the budget will be brought in without any further disclosures?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, can I take it that the hon. member is withdrawing his allegation regarding me in his first question?

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

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

● (1430)

**Mr. Muir:** Who is the Minister of Finance and who is the leader?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Is the Minister of Finance rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** No, to answer the question put to me by the hon. member for Peace River.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. It seems to me there has been an exchange of questions and answers. If the hon. member for Peace River wishes to pursue the matter he will be recognized, but for the moment the Chair recognizes the hon. member for Verdun.

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#### YOUNG VOYAGEURS PROGRAM

##### ALLEGED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Verdun):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State. In the light of what appears to be an act of discrimination in a program financed by the federal government, would the minister immediately investigate the matter to see whether such discriminatory directives arise from his own department and, if so, will he send the responsible person immediately to the U.I.C. offices?

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order on behalf of my hon. friend from Central Nova to draw Your Honour's attention to the fact that this matter was put forward in a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 and the minister's supporters refused consent to deal with the question.

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

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** The former minister of labour should be calling on the minister to resign and on the hon. members who supported him in this discrimination to resign.

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

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