

Administration of Justice

that time indicated the institution of a judicial inquiry, and I quote from there:

—but not into any particular case. This has been done already through the order in council in connection with the case before the committee. The inquiry will be into the operation of our security procedures generally, with a view to ascertaining first, whether they are now adequate in light of present circumstances for the protection of the state against subversive action; second, whether they sufficiently protect the rights of private individuals in any investigations which are made under existing procedures.

I submit to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the house that the terms were sufficient at that time, and are now, to inquire into the case that is under discussion had not the impropriety and unnecessary intervention of the minister taken place. But that impropriety having been created by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Cardin)—and it is certainly substantiated by everything and everyone who has participated, and who has observed outside the house—we are now beyond this, and the minister must rise in the house and answer for the statements he has made, for the course he has followed. This is all we ask.

A few moments ago the Prime Minister asked the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam (Mr. Douglas) "What more does the hon. member want?" I suggest, without putting words into the hon. member's mouth, that this is what we want. We want the minister to rise in his place and answer for the things that have taken place since that time. We want him to substantiate his charges.

That being done, Mr. Speaker, we can return to the ordinary business of the house, but from my very humble position in this party and on this side of the house I must inform the minister, and the supporters of the government, that we will not move until this happens—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Winkler: We will not move into any other area of discussion. We will not move into any other area of business because we feel this is important not only to the members of the house, but now to the entire country.

Now, Mr. Speaker, just for the sake of the record, to see how some of these things develop, I refer to an article which appeared in the *Toronto Telegram* on Tuesday, March 8, written by Mr. Douglas Fisher. I do not have to go through the whole terms of this article, but it points out very clearly how this and other matters are handled, presumably

by the government, with the press. Here is a man with whom I have not always agreed, and I think all members of the press gallery have not agreed with him from time to time, but he has his finger on the key of things. This is the way this whole matter was projected in the first place. I think the minister had the advantage of the press, so that he proceeded to do what he did this week.

All we are asking from the government of the country for the sake of the members under suspicion, is that the Minister of Justice rise in his place and conclude this argument so that the house can proceed, so that this despicable situation, created by himself, is terminated by himself, not on Monday but today.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: The Minister without Portfolio, on a point of order.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, since there is no motion or matter of business properly before the house I wonder whether the house could not be persuaded and you, Mr. Speaker, could not be convinced that we should move to a proper item of business in the house, so that the matters can properly be substantiated where they should be substantiated, through a judicial inquiry—

Mr. Winkler: You heard what I said.

Mr. Turner: —to take them out of the heat and passion of this place in order that parliament can get on with the business of the country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, since yesterday we have been witnessing a spectacle which is not a pretty sight outside parliament, according to the reports we see in the press and the news the whole population is getting.

Insinuations have been made right and left. It seems that both sides of the house are trying to bring out everything ugly and dirty to debase and belittle the dignity of the House of Commons.

Since yesterday, we have been listening to the Conservatives complaining about the fact that the Minister of Justice (Mr. Cardin), on March 4, asked the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) what part he had played in