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Mr. Speaker, these last few weeks I said many times across the country and I want to repeat it again in this house that, in talking so often of winter unemployment, hardships and poverty, in misrepresenting the economic situation which after all is extremely advantageous to the great majority of our citizens, in repeating that this country is on the road to ruin, in fostering a climate of pessimism, our friends opposite, and the official Liberal opposition in particular, are creating more unemployment and hardship in this country.

In fact, we can already see in the various provinces of this country, industries setting aside expansion plans as a result of such gloomy speeches, because they are worried about the future.

In the business field, we heard about slow-downs and lay-offs because management is influenced by this atmosphere of gloom and doom which the Liberals both in this house and outside, have been spreading across the country.

An hon. Member: Quite true.

Mr. Sevigny: There may be people who would be willing to make certain necessary expenditures for their business or their family's welfare, but they are worried about the future and decide instead to cut down expenditures, thus depriving the nation of a buying power that could help reduce the number of unemployed.

The preaching of gloom and doom which is an integral part of our Liberal opponents' policy and which they threaten to continue is extremely harmful to the interests of the nation. If it goes on, the results may well be beyond repair.

Mr. Speaker, our friends in the Liberal opposition are waging an ideological war against the Canadian people. It is not a new war; it is based on psychological arguments that have already been used in this century, with disastrous and even fatal results, on several instances.

Thus, in exploiting the misery and distress which prevailed in their countries, Mussolini and Hitler managed to gain power and to impose upon the Italian and German peoples their dictatorial ideology. Finally—and that is a sad story that everyone knows—those two men put the world to fire and sword, and drove democracy as we know it to the brink of ruin.

Today, we see another ideology, that of the communists, spreading all over the world, through the exploitation of poverty, misery

and unemployment. It is among those who suffer that communism is gaining ground.

Of course I am not accusing my friends opposite, whom I respect and like, and who have often contributed in the past to the development of our nation, of necessarily and willfully playing into the hands of the communists. However, through their usual lack of foresight, and perhaps also because they are the victims of their desire to return to office, they have been behaving in such a way, with that policy of gloom which they are spreading across the country as to play into the hands of those communist adventurers who seek to get a foothold in this country and who, if successful, will certainly cause as much harm in this country as in every country where they have managed to spread their doctrine and gain control of the government.

Consequently, even if it is sensible to make some constructive criticism and to suggest methods which might help the workers in this country find jobs, I think it is a bad thing to speak constantly of unemployment and distress, as the members of the Liberal opposition are doing, because unemployment is aggravated by that very fact, and results in greater hardship.

In some quarters, it might be considered that such talk is efficient political manoeuvring. Unfortunately, the method is detrimental to national economy and certainly does not rouse in the Canadian people the respect which the Liberal opposition wants. And I am convinced that such practice will not succeed in earning for our friends opposite the people's trust which they seem to seek by every possible means.

Mr. Speaker, I should also like to say a few words on a certain policy which was announced by our hon. friends from the Liberal party during their recent rally. I refer in this instance, to the resolutions which have been passed in the field of education. I really wonder if the Liberals honestly think they can convince the Canadian people that it is just and reasonable for the federal government to interfere in this field of education which is exclusively a provincial matter.

No wonder that following resolutions moved at that convention, we could read in the various newspapers of this country and more particularly in *Le Devoir* of Thursday, January 12, 1961, an article from which I will quote two excerpts:

The autonomists, if there were any among the delegates, must have received quite a jolt Tuesday night when the report of the Liberal convention committee on education was adopted. The party advances more and more deliberately and deeply on the road of federal interference in the field of education and of assistance to education. It must