

The Minister asked me about culture, and this is incredible. He said, will it not be nice when the Africans get an economy like ours so they will finally be able to have some culture. I take that to be just the kind of vanity of modern man, if you like, with apologies for not saying "modern persons", that we should say to the people of Africa that the only culture worth having is the kind of culture you can cultivate when you have an advanced capitalist society. I think they have their culture now and they do not need a Progressive Conservative Government in order to have culture in Africa.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Unfortunately, Madam Speaker must interrupt as the time for questions and comments has now expired.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the remaining three minutes I will try to conclude this historic debate on free trade. I will take a few moments to summarize the position of the Liberal Party and explain the real reason why they are so opposed to free trade. The Leader of the Liberal Party (Mr. Turner) has no choice. He has to get on side with Ontario and Ontario's Liberal Premier. That is the only way he can get the support of a province with 99 seats. That is why the Liberal Party has decided to stick with Premier Peterson. It is politics pure and simple, while Mr. Peterson wants to defend the interests of a province where unemployment is at a mere 3.1 per cent and exports are worth \$60 billion.

Mr. Peterson is protecting the interests of his province, but he is a provincial leader. I think it is hard to explain why anyone running for a national party would be so anxious to support the interests of one province—the Liberal interests of that province.

As for the Socialists, Madam Speaker, in any case they are all in bed together! It's one big happy family of people on the left, who live like parasites on thriving free enterprise in this country. Those are the people who nationalize and live off others.

Madam Speaker, the Socialist Leader has to stick with his funding source, and that source is the Vice-President of the New Democratic Party who is the Socialist Leader's boss and gets his funds mainly from the United Auto Workers who have enjoyed the benefits of free trade since 1965. Madam Speaker, \$30 billion worth of exports to the United States are connected with the automobile industry and are the result of free trade. There are 840,000 Canadians who make a living thanks to the existing benefits of free trade. Of those 840,000, there are many who pay dues to the United Auto Workers, to Bob White, their president, a man who holds the Socialist Leader hostage because he pays for the advertising on free trade ordered by the Socialist Party.

In concluding, Madam Speaker, I would like to say a few words about Quebec. The province of Quebec is ready for free

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trade, because in 1960, it started to prepare for more secure access to the American market and better guarantees. We trained business people. We trained accountants and engineers.

In recent years, Madam Speaker, Quebec has built a solid financial infrastructure in co-operation with the two main political parties we have in Quebec. Thanks to this infrastructure, our young people and our businesses are now able to conquer the U.S. market, and that is what Canadians and Quebecers need: the U.S. market, and not a Liberal-Socialist coalition that denies the interests of Canadians and Quebecers. So we challenge you Liberals . . .

● (2100)

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): It being 9 p.m., pursuant to order made earlier today, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the third reading stage of the Bill now before the House.

[*English*]

Accordingly, the question is the following one. Ms. McDonald moved:

That the amendment be amended by deleting the period and adding the following words therefor:

"and its implications on the economic and political sovereignty of Canada".

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment to the amendment?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those in favour of the amendment to the amendment will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): In my opinion the nays have it.

[*Translation*]

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Pursuant to order made earlier today, the recorded division is deferred until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 1988.

[*English*]

Mr. McDermid: Madam Speaker, have we taken a voice vote on all three or just on the amendment to the amendment? Do we do the amendment and the main motion?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): As the House has decided to defer a vote on the amendment to the amendment, I cannot put the amendment and the main motion before the House until we have disposed of the amendment to the amendment.