

*Criminal Code*

parents fail in their responsibility to give sexual education to their children.

Magazines, movies, advertisements of all kinds glorify sex. The inevitable results are accidental or unwanted pregnancies, and abortion is then contemplated.

Today, too many people complain about the way young people behave and protest. But do they wonder why? Do they seriously look for the cause? Are young people the ones who produce the vulgar movies that can be seen in theaters or on television, particularly on the national network, and that are such that they corrupt the very young children instead of helping the parents to educate them?

Are the pleasures of the flesh the only real values, since they get such publicity through all possible and impossible means? They are not. Adults are responsible for all the disorder, although attempts are made to blame the young people. Let us first assume our responsibilities as adults, in a mature way, and then we might complain about the way the young behave, if need be.

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Faced with so much publicity and calls to all kinds of pleasures, our youth need an extraordinary and truly heroic upbringing to resist. If we were in their situation, we would perhaps be worse.

Having analyzed the few cases I brought forth, it is only natural to try and bring some remedial measures. This is what I would like to do in the few minutes still at my disposal.

Some time ago, the family planning centre made its position known on the legalization of abortion. The solutions suggested by the centre as a result of a study which lasted several months were meant to settle that complex problem as soon as possible. Here is how the members of the team from that centre explained their position, and I quote:

1. We would like to succeed in building up a responsible approach to fertility, so that all pregnancies could have a positive outcome.

2. We shall never consider abortion as a matter of choice, but as an unavoidable solution in some specific cases.

3. The suggestions made are meant above all to decrease the incidence and consequences of abortions that are now being practised.

The centre feels that the problem can only be solved through legislation; indeed, some parallel measures must be provided, such as the establishment of organizations to assist the mother and look after pregnant women. Whether or not she would like to have an

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abortion, any woman who cannot find elsewhere the necessary care facilities, should be in a position to ask for medical advice during her pregnancy. In addition, the necessary means should be available to alter the conditions which made pregnancy undesirable.

Modern society offers more and more means to release woman from past bondage and poverty. Such means should be made available to every mother during her pregnancy and after her delivery not only to enable her to send to school the child to whom she gave birth but also to provide her with the money needed to satisfy her needs and those of her children. That is where the basic guaranteed income should come in to ensure a decent living to all. It is urgent to take steps along that line before it is too late.

There is no reason for Canada to have a continuing decline in its birthrate. Let us wake up before it is too late. I wonder why the proliferation of human life has become something to be afraid of in a country as widespread as ours.

In His infinite wisdom, God has indeed provided our earth with sufficient resources of all kinds to satisfy the needs of each and everyone of us. We should further direct our efforts towards an equitable distribution of wealth in order to meet the requirements of our families and to secure their normal fulfillment.

Can anyone add inches to this height, even with any kind of treatment imaginable? No one. Why? Because this is beyond our capacities. Let our youth learn more about the greatness and the dignity of motherhood together with the respect and care pregnant women deserve. In so doing, we would realize that life is a precious gift to everybody, even to the unborn baby.

Mr. Speaker, those were the few comments and suggestions I wanted to make before the house concerning this particular subject of life and abortion.

I will deal very briefly with that part of the bill concerning homosexuality in order to offer my comments on the redress of such a deplorable situation.

This aspect of the bill upsets me deeply. It deals with the amendment intended to legalize homosexuality between consenting persons of 21 years of age or over. It is beyond my understanding that it has become necessary to amend the criminal code to permit homosexuality on the grounds that it is practised nevertheless.