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to win elections. But this now obsolete trick may not always be successful in deceiving the people.

These prophets of disunity do incalculable harm to our Quebec youth when they teach them that Ottawa is in hostile territory, that it is the capital of national treason, that to accept measures originating here constitutes a betrayal. That is what our friend from Labelle stated in this house the other day, since he used the verb "to betray".

That is not all. In Quebec, people who are interested in perpetuating this cold war, because of their electoral concern and who take on airs of offended maidens upon learning of the small number of our compatriots in key positions in the army and the civil service, are often the first ones to accuse of anglicization good and honest French-speaking Canadians, some of whom have made great sacrifices in expatriating themselves to accept in Ottawa a position which enables them to help their compatriots.

They constantly demand that Ottawa open the doors to larger numbers of French-speaking Canadians; they urge their compatriots to accept in greater numbers employment in the federal civil service, but they themselves refuse to come to Ottawa, the only place in the world where they could defend efficiently the interests of French-speaking Canadians. Not only do they reject a duty they wish their compatriots to fulfil, but they stab in the back people who are already here, doing everything they can to foster interests of French-speaking Canadians. Some have spoken of treason. Well, that is treason!

And when one of our compatriots as eminently qualified as the Rev. Father Georges-Henri Levesque, O.P. Dominican, dean of the faculty of social sciences of Laval university, a man whom the Royal Society of Canada recently recognized as one of its outstanding members, whom the government of the French republic made a knight of the Legion of Honour, a man who is a member of the international union of social studies of Malines, Belgium, and to whom three of our great universities, the university of Manitoba, the university of British Columbia and the university of Antigonish, awarded honorary doctor's degrees, a man so devoted, so sincere, so undeniably qualified and so soundly patriotic as the Rev. Father Levesque, is invited by the

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federal government to play such an important part as he brilliantly played as a member of the Massey commission, some people in certain quarters will try to destroy his work, a work pre-eminently dedicated to French-Canadian life and to the survival of French-speaking Canadians—

Mr. Courtemanche: Is the hon. member referring to the Father Levesque who, as a professor, was advocating social credit?

Mr. Arsenault: I refer to Father Levesque as being the same man from his birth to this day, because he is an upstanding man who will not bow to the whims of the hon. member for Labelle any more than to the threats of the Quebec premier.

In concluding, I say that Father Levesque is being attacked only and solely for the purpose of lowering him in the esteem and admiration of his fellow citizens, particularly in the eyes of our young men. Well, Mr. Speaker, if there ever was a piece of treachery that is it.

(Text):

Mr. J. W. Noseworthy (York South): Mr. Speaker, it has become quite apparent in this house that no measure suggested by anyone on this side of the house is worthy of consideration by Liberal members until that measure has been adopted by the government. From the speech made by the hon. member for Bonaventure (Mr. Arsenault) I gather that he at least supports federal aid to education to the extent that the government has granted such aid at the present time. I am happy to find that the government is granting some measure of aid. We look forward to the day when that measure of federal aid to education will be extended and when that wider measure of aid will be acceptable to members of the Liberal party as are those meagre measures which the government has already approved.

I did not rise to speak on the subject of federal aid. I have expressed my views on that subject before in the house. I really rose to support the subamendment moved by the hon. member for Acadia (Mr. Quelch), which reads as follows:

We regret that Your Excellency's advisers have failed to compensate the recipients of war veterans allowance for the increase in the cost of living by an appropriate increase in the amount of the allowance.

We appreciate—I am sure that every veteran in this country appreciates—the increase in the disability pensions which was