

into "the continuing problems presented by the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors". I say that none of us is suggesting inquiring into the life of anyone. We are suggesting an inquiry into the problems of these people, and I suppose no one here will suggest—

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** Might I ask a question?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** No, you make your speech after I am through.

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** I would like to ask you a question.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** Well, go ahead.

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** I would like to ask you how you inquire into their problems without inquiring into their lives?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** To the extent which the problem involves their lives we will inquire into that problem, and I am not at all afraid of inquiring into a problem that involves human beings. This is a human problem, it is true, but when you talk about inquiring into the private lives of people that is quite another matter. We want to know why these people did certain things. Is that inquiring into their lives? If it is, all right—it is their public life, that is true. However, that is not inquiring into their lives, how they live, or how they treat their wives—whether they have stopped beating their wives—or something of that kind. When we talk about inquiring into their actions as citizens of this country, or rather their refusal to be citizens of this country, and their dynamiting of public and private works, that is not inquiring into their lives. We have put some of them on trial on many occasions. If we send them to jail, is that a matter of inquiring into their lives?

Honourable senators, I suppose that no one in this chamber will suggest that there is no problem when over a thousand men, women and children, people of all ages and of both sexes, are camped beside the road, living in tents in the face of the oncoming winter. Will anyone say that is not a problem? I heard a trekker, one of the Sons of Freedom, on television not very long since, say that the children were ill as a result of the dampness and cold in which they were living. I was not surprised. I can assure you, my friends, there is a problem if these children die like flies in the cold of this coming winter. I think the people of British Columbia will be more kindly disposed towards them than some of us. Certainly, the good people of Hope have demonstrated kindness, and in all probability they will do something even if we do nothing.

**Hon. Mr. Monette:** May I put a question to the honourable senator, without offence?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** I am sure there will be no offence intended, but I do not like a continuous running commentary when I am speaking.

**Hon. Mr. Monette:** I have a question as to whether the remarks of the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll) were limited to the Sons of Freedom or extended further. This is what he said in his speech, as appears at page 57 of *Hansard*—

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** This is not a question.

**Hon. Mr. Monette:** No, but the resolution may extend beyond the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors. If my question disturbs you, I shall not proceed.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** No, it does not disturb me.

**Hon. Mr. Monette:** The honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina said:

Honourable senators, in the motion I have put before you I have deliberately focussed attention on the Sons of Freedom, the most radical sect among the Doukhobors, but I have not limited the investigation to the Sons of Freedom. On the contrary, the investigation extends to "any problem related thereto".

Is that something that may lead to a consideration of more extensive matters, or does it limit your remarks to the Sons of Freedom?

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** In the first place, I am not responsible for what the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina said in his speech; I am making my own speech. In the second place, the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina, according to the very words you have just quoted, referred to problems of the Sons of Freedom or any problem related thereto. "Any problem related thereto" refers to the problems of the Sons of Freedom. It might refer to the loss of their lives and their economic conditions. It might refer to the oppression they claim to have suffered, and many other things. But this is all directed to the problem of the Sons of Freedom. That is what we wish to inquire into, and as I understand the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina, that is what he proposes, and not a general inquiry into the lives of the Doukhobors or any other citizens.

Honourable senators, I was about to say that the honourable senator from Lumsden (Hon. Mr. Pearson) asked this question: Are we to set ourselves up as a group of citizens superior to our neighbours? Well, I hope not. I do not suppose anyone would ever accuse him or me of being high-hat; we are not