

war on poverty, said emphatically, "We lost it."

Aside from all these things, the CYC is a symbol for the young people of Canada that the government is secure enough to withstand the questioning of the young and that it really believes in change. It does not bother me a bit that some provinces or municipalities may feel uncomfortable at the presence of the CYC. If we are going to cook tasty omelettes, it may be necessary to break a few eggs. The company cannot avoid involving itself politically, and it cannot avoid unjust legal constraints on its work if it is to accomplish its goals and improve the life of people who are at present voiceless.

We must remember that this is a risk Parliament took at the outset when the act establishing the company was approved unanimously. But even though we support a better methodology and a better accountability for the company, or its law and order, I do not think anybody can support any lack of ethics or unlawful behaviour. Then we approve of law and order, but what we are really doing is stifling all dissent, that is something else again. We have lost the war on poverty—that appears to be plain for all to see—but we must be mature enough to recognize that there are many groups in our society which desperately need the kind of work that the CYC, properly constituted, can perform.

I should like to read to hon. members a few excerpts of a poem written by Gary Dunford. He made some recent poetic comments on law and order. He wrote:

Who's that tappin' down the street?  
Hear his gleeful, good guy feet?  
Safety in the suburbs? neat!  
It's mister law and order!

Further down he wrote:

Civil rights, that's all passé  
Martin Luther's gone away,  
Jail 'em all, that's what I say,  
With mister law and order!—  
I teach my kids the cops are fine  
They keep the anarchists in line  
Let's all parade, I got my sign  
For mister law and order.  
Don't want no trouble, no disgrace  
The cops can keep them in their place  
I'll close my ears, you shut their face,  
With mister law and order.

I think the minister does not support the kind of attitude expressed in the poem. He defended the concept of government sponsored dissent on October 29, 1969. He was speaking about the constant participation in which he believed. He referred to constant

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participation by various people concerned with the legislation before Parliament. This is what he said:

It is interesting that the major corporations, and professional groupings of this country discovered the importance of this factor, many, many years ago. They developed public relations firms, PR departments, advertizing units, whose purpose it was to deliver the message—their message—to the people making laws. A company president or vice-president will not hesitate to take a parliamentarian to lunch to discuss a matter that is of particular interest to him.

I do not disagree with this process, as long as it is done in the open. In fact, I believe it is one of the essential cornerstones of our system. It is important that all parliamentarians know the interests that are being represented by a person—a lobbyist. However, it is as important that the lobbyist be given the opportunity to present the opinion and attitudes of his client.

Further on he says:

I am not about to suggest that we take away this subsidy, but rather that we pose another question. What about the vast group of individuals living in cities, rural areas, poverty situations, who have not or cannot take advantage of these tax deductions, in order to present their opinion to the public. These groups are at least as important, and in many ways, much more important, than the population that can organize and perhaps gain a monetary benefit from presenting its opinion.

The minister is saying that it is not wrong to spend government money to give people the opportunity to present their views through the CYC, provided it is done ethically and legally. That is not the point. What we are talking about tonight is the necessity of taking certain steps to ensure that it is done ethically and legally.

Hon. members will be pleased to hear that I have almost concluded my remarks. The time which I spent on the committee investigating the CYC was an agonizing experience. I think it is important to say that the matter we discussed was of great complexity and had far too little time to deal with it. I should also like to repeat the remarks of the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow), that a chance was not given the volunteers who were accused to come before us and defend themselves. I think there is no escaping from that fact. I have other misgivings about the way we held our hearings, including the fact that we visited no project, either here in Ottawa where there are seven or eight, or a number of others in Montreal and Toronto. Yet we have submitted our report stating the view that, given the proper guidance and more time, the company itself could overcome some of its problems.