

what they propose to do in the future. What are their long range plans with regard to the field of work which should have been performed by the CYC to avoid all the young people of this country being rebuffed and sent down paths of which we disapprove? I would like to see them doing the pioneering work in this country which is their rightful heritage.

● (9:30 p.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to express my opinion and that of many Canadian taxpayers about Bill C-171, entitled: "An Act to amend the Company of Young Canadians Act."

It would be better if this organization had never been established because its creation was detrimental to the Canadian people, and the taxpayers' money was dilapidated since it served purposes that were senseless and contrary to the ideal pursued by this parliament.

It is not a question of blaming what was done in the past but rather of taking steps for the future. And if we want to govern with justice, we must abolish this baneful organization which should never have been established.

Besides, when this Company of Young Canadians was formed, I was the only member to oppose its establishment. I knew what would happen because I had forebodings. One only has to read the official record of the time to realize that I am right. Then, Mr. Chairman, I am not responsible for that situation and since I have to place the blame on someone, I shall blame all those who voted for that bill.

In fact, the pocketbook was handed over to the first comer, without the slightest worry. It was said: Here is the pocketbook, it is yours. Now, when I hand over my pocketbook to somebody, I take a good look at him. Such a situation prevailed in Parliament that the pocketbook belonging to all Canadian citizens was handed over to people which used it for adverse purposes. We cannot take any more chances.

I agree with the hon. member for Trois-Rivières (Mr. Mongrain) that the activities of the Company of Young Canadians should be suspended. This waste must be stopped right now and we must fight this dreadful plague which should never have fallen upon Canada.

We have paid the piper. We shall pay for the damage done in Montreal. The taxpayer's money and hard work will be used to rebuild what has been destroyed at the cost of so

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many sacrifices. We have the right to stop that. We must, in our own conscience—and I put every member of Parliament in front of his own conscience and responsibilities—refuse to go any further. We have already gone too far and we have already taken too many chances in creating an organization which should never have been born.

We have given our pocketbook indiscriminately. Those who meddled with it were allowed to do so freely, without any control. Nobody was ever placed in front of his responsibilities as regards the creation of the Company.

Mr. Chairman, some responsible citizens were certainly aware of what was going to happen. Responsible members of the Parliament knew where the money of the taxpayers would go and what would be done with it. Some meant well but because of that, today we pay the piper.

Mr. Chairman, since we have to deal with irresponsible amoral people, utterly devoid of social understanding and without any scruples, we ought to put an end immediately to the blunder we made. We no longer have the right to make them. People will not tolerate any more nonsense and misdeeds against justice and Canadians.

I feel this is a matter of ethics. If the government wishes to spend money, let it hire moralists to teach citizens and make them face up to their responsibilities.

I think a great many of our young Canadians have no sense of responsibility. I do not know who is to blame but even in our universities some people are to blame for that because some of our young graduates have no sense of responsibility. Many try to destroy rather than to build.

I want to reassure serious citizens by telling them that we must take our responsibilities as regards the awful deeds we have witnessed. The Company of Young Canadians must disappear. We must work more closely, more socially and more humanely at creating other organizations that will not cost millions of dollars but practically nothing.

If young Canadians want to help their country, there are all kinds of organizations such as the Chambers of Commerce, social agencies and associations likely to give them the opportunity to show their abilities. After they have proven they are capable of taking responsibilities, we shall be in a position to achieve something. Until then, we are not justified in allowing such a fanatical organization to exist.