

*Invoking of War Measures Act*

*La Maison du Pêcheur*, the action taken by the Corporation des Enseignants du Québec was the last straw. They helped Lemieux and the anarchists by providing \$100 bail for each of the prisoners, several of whom already had a criminal record.

The circular letters distributed in the Gaspé peninsula last summer by the activists from *La Maison du Pêcheur* bear a close resemblance to the FLQ manifesto published after the kidnapping of diplomat James Richard Cross. Those people are therefore members of or fellow-travellers of the very same revolutionary organization that we are declaring illegal in order to protect the freedom of the honest citizens of the Gaspé peninsula, as well as those of the cities of Montreal and Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker, history teaches us that small active groups can destroy democracy and replace it by a rule of terror.

We are happy in Canada compared to people in other countries, but to be happy is not enough. It is essential to know it and to think about it to realize what happiness truly is.

Each night, we take time out to think about that, reading newspapers, listening to the news and to the discussion of problems over radio and television. Unfortunately, as many previous speakers remarked, most of the time we hear about what the government has not done, about the ills of our society: crime, accidents, bankruptcies and class struggle. This gives rise in the individual to a deep feeling of insecurity and discontent. Young people do not have enough experience to consider the other point of view. They feel that they are being exploited, and that they live in a world where everything should be changed and overthrown.

Since the media are practically within everyone's reach, too often the most bitter Canadians use them to pour out their bitterness into the rather peaceful soul of the quiet majority of the working and honest people in this country.

Disturbance and disorder are more sensational than order and well-organized work, and it seems that it is this disturbance and disorder which is mainly covered by several of our radio and television stations, including the C.B.C.

A revolution is the product of immature minds which have skipped some stages in their development, and for want of taking the necessary time to mature, their only hope lies in destruction, in the belief that a new, perfect and calm order will crop up by itself without their building it.

Does Parliament at times give the people a true image of democracy? The government, elected by the majority, must be respected and even supported by the minority which did not select it. The right to express one's opposition to some government bill is indefeasible, but it must be done with a showing of respect for the authority lawfully elected, without ever interfering with the efficiency of its work. It is permissible to alert public

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opinion but never to thrust oneself upon it, motivated by personal interest in defence of truth and order.

Mr. Speaker, Canada and particularly Quebec are living through difficult times and the governments need the support of all political forces to save their institutions. Through our actions, we will inspire confidence to our young people who have been poisoned too often by the destructive ideals à la Michel Chartrand.

Allow me to quote an editorial aired by CJRC, Ottawa, on the present situation. I quote:

We find comfort in the calm and the sense of measure of the local population who make allowances and consider these measures as necessary to avoid the worst. This is a plea to students. Doubtless impressed by recent events and inclined to participate in this social upheaval and follow like sheep the reactionaries who have no other purpose than the destruction of society, the majority of students are mature enough not to believe all they are told and to refrain from engaging in a symbolic crusade that can only lead to disaster.

We are amazed to note, for instance, that some agitators are trying to prompt the students of the area to walk off following the arrests made during the night. Chartrand's arraignment was long overdue, because far too long he has been spewing his insults, his harsh and dirty words. He preaches nothing but revolution and anarchy.

The students must realize that what is going on in Quebec is not a game, a crusade; it is no longer a mere contestation: It is even worse, and you must stand and be counted not in support of those trained revolutionaries, but to show your good sense.

You do not want to be governed some day by Chartrand, Vallières and other so-called patriots of the same ilk. Patriotism for those loud-mouths is anarchy.

So, students, wake up and unite to protect what will be yours later: a democratic society where freedom is not trampled upon, but in which everybody must participate.

Open your eyes, we are writing history. Do not think it is a game and reject from your midst the undesirable ones.

Canada belongs to Canadians, but Canadians must work for Canada. We are living in a huge country, but there must be no place in it for revolutionaries and anarchists.

The government must patiently and wisely safeguard the freedom of the community by restricting the liberty of those who want to destroy it.

It is dangerous to argue no end and to use the most sensible arguments with people who no longer speak the same language.

Society belongs first to those who work, who honestly pay their taxes, to those who express sincerely their views through a reasoned vote and who respect and support authority to whom they have delegated their administrative powers.

We must first ensure that society is successful for those people and ensure their happiness as well as the happiness of their families. People in the Gaspé peninsula, which I represent, wish to live in a society where the elected governments are respected. They expect those governments not to sacrifice society to a small bunch of revolutionaries who want to assume power at gunpoint.