

not the sort of thing to which I take pleasure in being a party. However, like most Canadians, I am prepared to forgo certain liberties and agree to the suspension of the Bill of Rights if it means the restoration of my freedoms and those of all Canadians. If it is necessary for us to put up with the loss of some of our freedoms in order to regain one of our most fundamental freedoms, the freedom from fear, then so be it.

There is one thing I shall not accept. As I said, I did accept the fact that the War Measures Act was necessary to, we hope, restore law and order in the province of Quebec, but there is one thing which I as a Canadian and a member of this House of Commons refuse to accept. I refer to one of the underlying causes of the unrest which we are experiencing in almost every part of this country today. It is the government's total indifference toward the social and economic problems which have nurtured this unrest. This government, by its anti-inflation policy and its policy of deliberately forcing our people on the rolls of the unemployed, is in my opinion fanning the flames of unrest across this country, particularly in the economically depressed areas. If the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and his government are determined to persist in their present illogical policy of fighting inflation and stabilizing the economy, then the real victims of that policy, the unemployed, the untrained, the old age pensioners and those on fixed incomes, should be given special assistance.

When a wage-earner, as a result of becoming unemployed, has used up all his savings, is head over heels in debt and reaches a time when his unemployment insurance benefits have expired and is therefore forced on welfare, how long does it take him to get back on an even keel? In too many cases it takes years; indeed, some never recover from this experience.

Having said that, I should like now to make a few brief comments on the Speech from the Throne. I say "brief comments", sir, because a document that is so empty, so devoid of any worth-while matter, does of necessity allow only brief comments. The Prime Minister is to be congratulated on his choice of script writers. After reading the Speech from the Throne it becomes quite apparent that its authors can look forward to a great future. As a matter of fact, if they continue to turn out such drivel, I contend that they have a much better future as writers than does their boss as Prime Minister.

● (5:00 p.m.)

I am sure that many thousands of unemployed people in Canada will be extremely pleased to know that their government intends during the present session to give consideration to the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. They will also take great comfort, I am sure, from the fact that there is no mention of any immediate plans on the part of this government to deal with the critical, government-induced employment crisis which we now have in Canada. I am sure that the many thousands of Canadians who are forced to live and to raise their families in homes and under conditions that are substandards, and in a great many cases unfit for

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human habitation, will be pleased to know that we are living in a society, as the Throne Speech says, wherein the enjoyment of life is measured in terms of quality and not quantity, in a society in which individual freedom and equality of opportunity remain as our most cherished possession.

I am sure, also, that our unemployed will be pleased to know that the Prime Minister's dream of a just society is not yet dead and that he is still pursuing it. Our young men and women who are forced, through no fault of their own, to live in the ghettos of our cities and whose address will automatically deny them a job for which they are adequately qualified, will also get great satisfaction from the Prime Minister's promise of a just society.

While I am on the subject of the so-called just society I would ask hon. members to talk to the fishermen in my riding in order to get their views on the so-called justice in our society. Let them ask the fishermen how it feels to be denied a chance to earn a living from the fisheries, by a government that is quite prepared to spend huge sums of money on compiling reports on the status of women, on bilingualism and biculturalism, on ministerial junkets and on multi-million dollar jet Stars; and having had the gall to do that, to plead poverty when we request them to provide a breakwater or other essential facility to enable our fishermen to provide a living for themselves and their families. I ask you, sir, in all sincerity: Where is the justice in a society that will condone that kind of situation?

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Carter: Another thing which was conspicuous by its absence from the Throne Speech was any mention of the very serious danger facing our marine resources—the danger of depletion. Like most hon. members, especially those from eastern Canada, I have a great interest in our country's marine resources. I was keenly disappointed that no mention was made in the Throne Speech of the need for immediate action by this government to put an end to the plundering of our fish resources by foreign fishing ships.

The Minister of Fisheries and Forestry (Mr. Davis) is well aware of the crisis facing our east coast fisheries as a result of the depletion of that resource. The Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson) has publicly admitted that a crisis does indeed exist. People in the industry are aware of the crisis and have been pleading for government action, but I regret to say that none has been forthcoming. I am sure that the average Canadian living in eastern Canada, where fishery is a very important factor in the economy, must be asking himself why the government is so reluctant to take the necessary initiatives to stave off the impending depletion of this great marine resource.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp), who was in the chamber until a moment ago, can afford to spend weeks, months and perhaps years negotiating diplomatic recognition for Red China. He can afford to make trips to Norway and other Scandinavian