

The Address—Mr. Starr

planning, of course, should be for our country and its problems, and should not blindly follow that of other countries.

It is very pleasing to me that naturalized Canadian citizens will no longer be subject to deportation to their country of origin for catalogued misdemeanours or otherwise, and that they will in future, therefore, be deemed to be equal before our law. This will open the way to discussions with the United States for an agreement whereby our naturalized citizens will no longer be subject to the quota for their country of origin when seeking entry there.

It will, I know, take some time to review the Immigration Act and the regulations now in force under that act, but I am sure this will not prevent this new reform minded Liberal government from humanizing the application of the present harsh and inhuman regulations. Such action is needed and is in accordance with the spirit and tradition of this party. We on this side have always had a warm heart toward the immigrant. We have consistently realized the value to our country and its economy of a much larger population. Our domestic consumers' market still remains far too small to absorb the products of our farms and factories. Under the present circumstances, surely the need to relax regulations respecting close relatives can be met, particularly in respect of brothers and sisters, children over 21 and formally adopted children and their families. Many an immigrant saves sufficient money to sponsor a brother and can provide employment for him, only to be frustrated by the strict letter of some other regulation. The red tape and delay experienced during the last government's tenure of office by applicants for the entry of priority relatives, such as wives, parents and children under 21, should also be cut.

I congratulate the new Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mr. Favreau) upon his appointment. I remind him that he has power under the act to admit in special cases. I am sure that particularly because he is a Liberal it will not be necessary to remind him to exercise this power generously.

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that when it comes to arms for our defence forces we should have the best available that we can reasonably afford to answer known threats, as history proves that only those able and willing to defend themselves survive. I believe that when it comes to co-operation with NATO and NORAD we should do our best to co-operate, for in unity only is there strength. I believe that when it comes to disarmament talks we should, with proper safeguards seek

vigorously for an agreement to disarm. I am convinced that when it comes to communism an eye should be kept on the increased activity in central Toronto, as it appears to be leaving its soap boxes and following more respectable means of infiltration.

Both Canada and the United States, Mr. Speaker, are currently countries where 50 per cent of the people have 20 per cent of the wealth and 20 per cent of the people have 50 per cent of the wealth. In the light of this fact I believe that when it comes to questions of planning, and automation versus employment, a new sense of social justice must imbue both our industry and our government, even a good Liberal government which this one so brightly promises to be.

Hon. Michael Starr (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, after listening to the latter remarks of the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Ryan) regarding immigration cases I am inclined to revive all my immigration cases and place them again before the new minister in the hope that now they will be disposed of favourably and quickly.

May I first of all, Mr. Speaker, congratulate you on your nomination to the honourable position which you now hold. In my opinion it was a wonderful choice, and every member of the House of Commons is agreed upon it. I am sure that all members of the house will wish you well and that you will apply to your new duties those principles of fairness and impartiality which have been traditional with those in your position.

I should also like to take the opportunity of congratulating the hon. member for Stormont (Mr. Lamoureux) on his appointment as Deputy Speaker. I know his task will not be easy in presiding over the committees of the whole house, but I am sure he too will discharge his duties with fairness and impartiality.

I should also like to join those who have preceded me in this debate in congratulating the mover and seconder of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, both of whom discharged their tasks in a worthy manner, particularly the lady from Northumberland, a neighbouring constituency to my own.

So far as the present government are concerned, Mr. Speaker, they can be assured of a high degree of co-operation from the official opposition, that is co-operation in all measures that take into account the realities of the situation and are designed to apply practical solutions to the problems. This I feel we have a right to expect, and this I feel the people of Canada also have a right to expect. The