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COMMONS DEBATES

government in 1913 and the St-Laurent government in 1956.

When I refer to the dictatorial manner in which parliament is led by a Prime Minister who, today, is asking the house leader the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) to pilot an indefensible bill, I base myself on a recent newspaper article which points out that such dictatorship is not only fett by Canadians but that it is also noticed by people beyond our borders.

And I have in hand a newspaper of last May which reproduced an article from the representative in Washington, Mr. John Rarick, who stated that the threat of a Canada governed by Mr. Trudeau is, and I quote:

-but a segment of a world scale conspiracy against free men-

And he went on saying:

The "Canadian Castro"

While calling Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau a "Canadian Castro" Mr. John R. Rarick stated that Canada has "jeopardized its position" within the free world and—

He said also that there was no hope right now that freedom could continue to exist in this country.

Such a statement was made by someone who does not live in Canada and who is studying the Canadian situation.

If dictatorial rules are imposed on us, preventing the opposition to warn public opinion and tell the people that harmful bills are being prepared, we could then also read the statements of certain of our newspapermen.

I have in hand a statement of Mr. Claude Ryan published in a newspaper of October 30, 1968, four months after the coming into power of the Liberals. It indicates what was thought about the new government. This is what it said and I quote:

Mr. Pierre Elliott Trudeau had the extraordinary chance of being elected leader of his party, then brought back to power without having to disclose to the Canadian people the true nature of his political ideas. He could utter for months the worse blunders in a climate of euphoria created by the appearance of the Messiah.

May I point out that it is ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. In accordance with Standing Order 40, a motion to adjourn the house is deemed to have been made and seconded at this time. Therefore, the question is: "That this house do now adjourn."

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under Standing Order No. 40 deemed to have been moved.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—ZONING OF POSTAL ADDRESSES IN LARGE CENTRES

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, my inquiry of the Postmaster General (Mr. Kierans) was made on May 29 shortly after it became apparent that yet another administrative fiasco was being chalked up in the Post Office Department, which of late has far out-distanced all other government departments in the number, range and variety of its bureaucratic snafus, and I do not exclude the Passport Office of the Department of External Affairs. Just when one begins to think that nothing more can go wrong in the Post Office Department and that the minister has finally come to the end of his semi-eternal process of creating task forces, another problem looms.

With costly fanfare, expensive publicity, and after many months of work by an expert team, the three digit zone system was to be unveiled for Metro Toronto on May 1. How expensive this great development was is seen in the answers to my order paper questions on July 2. One hundred and fifty thousand books were printed, and there was a reprint order of 200,000. The total cost of printing was \$50,000, and the entire operation cost \$130,681. How many small post offices could have been kept in operation for that amount of money? Advertising in all the media cost \$72,785, and this was to be a job which when done was to stay done forever. In the green book which introduced this plan to the people in Toronto, and I may say there was a red book too, there was a foreword by the District Director of Postal Service which reads:

I am sure that you will be interested in knowing that the numbers have been set up in such a way as to eliminate the necessity of any changes over the next 30 years.

But the permanence became somewhat undermined and the precise became somewhat uncertain. The green book, with its May date, did not have a very long run as an outstanding best seller. In the Toronto *Star* of May 29, the people of Toronto read this:

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The Post Office has put a freeze on its new threedigit postal zone policy.

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