

**Some hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Grafftey:** It is because of Trudeau socialism, purely and simply, that we have this kind of legislation before us today. After seven and a half years of Trudeau socialism, what do we have? We have something which is almost impossible to attain in any country in the modern western world—record inflation, record unemployment, record regional disparities, and what is even worse, a record balance of payments deficit.

Spokesmen for the government keep prattling the same propaganda that, compared to the other countries in the western world, we are not doing too badly. I say that we are doing very badly compared to most countries in the western world. If you consider our potential, consider what we could do if the government would direct the economy of Canada decently, we are doing very badly indeed.

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I hear government spokesmen justifying the government's abominable economic record. When I hear such spokesmen comparing our country with other countries of the western world, they remind me of the boy who has not done one bit of studying in school and who, when facing his exams, says, "I don't care if I flunk, because everybody else is flunking with me." Is that not a grand attitude? Hearing comparisons between our country and other countries of the western world is no solace for those who have suffered because of the government's mismanagement of the economy.

Compare our present situation with that of 15 years ago. Who, today, can purchase his own home in this country?

**Mr. Hees:** Hardly anyone.

**Mr. Grafftey:** How much encouragement is given for the small businessman to buy his own business?

**Mr. Hees:** None at all.

**Mr. Grafftey:** How much encouragement are you giving the farmer either to stay on or to buy his own farm?

**Mr. Hees:** None at all.

**Mr. Grafftey:** And, compared with other countries of the western world, how much legislation is there on our statute books to encourage Canadian investment in Canadian enterprise?

**Mr. Hees:** Precious little.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Madam Speaker, that is the background we must consider when debating the present negative legislation. After seven and a half years of Trudeau socialism—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Grafftey:** —we have lost much of our economic freedom.

**An hon. Member:** Say that outside the House.

**Mr. Grafftey:** We said it in Hochelaga.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**Mr. Grafftey:** And we shall keep on saying it in the next election, when we shall win many seats in Quebec.

After seven and a half years of Trudeau socialism we, in this country, have lost much of our economic freedom. If you do not think so just cross this country and ask individual Canadians. I think—and on this I agree with the NDP—that there are many aspects of freedom other than economic freedom; yet I firmly believe that when we lose much of our economic freedom, we lose much of our political freedom. Future historians will say that never in the history of Canada was this country directed by such a bunch of economic illiterates as we have today.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Grafftey:** What else has happened to the Canadian economy since it came under the dictates of Trudeau socialism seven and a half years ago? When the Prime Minister took over the direction of this government seven and half short years ago—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Grafftey:** —only 30 per cent of our Gross National Product was taken up by the public sector. Now the share taken by the public sector has risen from 30 per cent to practically 40 per cent. Yet Sweden, a country calling itself the jewel of socialism in the western world, directs only 32 per cent of its gross national product to its public sector, proportionately a full 8 percentage points less than Canada directs to the public sector.

Perhaps one should not make these kinds of comparisons with other countries. Nonetheless, whatever you may think about the Swedish system, you must concede that Sweden has introduced many dynamic programs in the fields of environment, housing, and medicare. Those programs are in place in Sweden only because they are well run and because on the statute books of that country, but not of this country, there are many positive laws which provide tax incentives and encourage the private sector to generate taxes which pay for these programs. And what has happened in this country? The government is always compromising with the NDP—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An hon. Member:** It's the truth, and it hurts.

**Mr. Grafftey:** I know it hurts, and this is only the beginning. If you think it hurts now wait until we get really tough.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** You are losing votes right now.

**Mr. Grafftey:** What sort of programs have governments introduced in this country since the end of the second world war? This government, for short-term political gain, has been compromising with the NDP. Why, many of our programs are half socialist, half free enterprise. They bilk the taxpayer and they are just not working.

**Mr. Nystrom:** You sound like a frustrated Social Creditor.

**Mr. Grafftey:** Madam Speaker, I am not sure if the Prime Minister wanted to fire the previous minister of