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which we have all believed, whatever the language or the formula we use to worship the Creator.

• (8:30 p.m.)

Instead of wasting their time at such things, those young people should be doing, for instance, what we call charitable work or they go and work in underdeveloped countries in order to rekindle the flame of friendship for such developed countries as we are, although we do not always give them any proof, and I cannot conceive that the C.B.C. does not consider having those young people appear on those programs when they occupy their free time with so serious, so constructive and so conventional concerns. It seems that nowadays everything in which the community has believed for thousands of years, should be completely demolished for the benefit of a very small minority, either Catholic or Protestant, or whatever its allegiance. However, the fact remains that we all ask ourselves, whatever our beliefs, if the world in which we live has not had a Creator, and I am surprised, I am even shocked to see the C.B.C. featuring those nihilists. those intellectual revolutionaries who are barely old enough not to be in diapers and who come and tell us that God does not exist, that the religious principles in which we believe are all a sham and foolishness, and that we should not even consider them for a minute.

Mr. Chairman, if the C.B.C .-

An hon. Member: Name the program!

Mr. Mongrain: One cannot name them all. There is "Tirez au clair", for one, and a host of others! Seminary students are guests on these programs. Where I come from, Mr. Chairman, seminaries are religious institutions and I cannot but think that such persons are chosen intentionally, to bring them on television and have them hold such language. I live among French Canadian workers, whom I have known for 20 or 25 years, and I know that they are but a very small minority to think like that. I think that hon, members from the other Quebec ridings-I speak only about the French network programs, but I imagine that the same problem arises on the English network—take the same view, for mine does not differ so much from that of others.

Mr. Chairman, the C.B.C. has no true sense of values.

The Secretary of State (Miss LaMarsh) was right in saying that something was rotten within the C.B.C. Whether existentialist newspapermen and the sophisticated people we have today like it or not, I think that, for the sake of truth and objectivity, we must repeat these things in the house.

Mr. Chairman, the C.B.C. should perhaps have invited more often—at least once a year or, to be reasonable, once every two years—the only independent member in this house.

I would add that my friends in the Ralliement Créditiste are truly independent, for they do not let themselves be influenced by all these partisan considerations. I am not ready to accept their financial ideology because I do not understand it. But their leader is a good teacher and perhaps one day I will finally understand it.

Mr. Chairman, are the actual values of the society in which we are living inevitably negative values? Must the representatives of the Canadian people, who are here to play their part, destroy everything that existed until now? Must we make a clean sweep of everything we had before to take up dubious doctrines which have not proved themselves?

I think that the C.B.C. fails in its duty when it allows revolutionaries, systematic wreckers to attack the eternal values in which we believe. I think that the C.B.C. should reflect the opinion of the majority, and see to it that most programs correspond to the will of the public.

Mr. Chairman, my conclusion will be modest and probably disappointing for those who are listening to me, but I should like to conclude by saying that the Secretary of State, that brilliant young lady whom we know and admire, told the truth when she stated in the house that there was something rotten in the C.B.C. But it is equally true that there are not enough independent members being elected and who could be the "voice of conscience" for all parties, by grouping all members of goodwill who are not free to express in the house what an independent member can express. As a matter of fact, there are among the Liberal and Conservative members, the members of the New Democratic party and the Créditistes, members of parliament who have good ideas and sensible attitudes.

I will stop here as I am well aware that this will not impress the C.B.C. But I should like to have the support of other members