

The Address—Mr. Applewhaite

are about to be exposed they resort to accusations against others to try to divert attention from themselves. I wonder who it is who is intent upon destroying the economic system? Who is it that has caused society to suffer through twenty-three depressions in the past 160 years?

Mr. MacInnis: The operators of the system.

Mr. Low: Surely they cannot blame the little clutch of Social Crediters for we have only been in existence as an organization for the past fifteen years. These same false accusers used to try to make people believe such foolish things as this, that the business cycles of boom and bust were somehow linked with the seven-year cycles of return of sun spots. I think a good many of you remember that was taught.

Mr. MacInnis: A good many still believe it.

Mr. Low: Yes, that is the unfortunate part of it. For many years these same people have carefully hidden the facts from the general run of the citizens of the country. We now know that depressions arise as the result of deliberate policies conceived and imposed upon governments by these same Shylocks who are the sole beneficiaries of the system, and who are after their pound of flesh, no matter how many people suffer in the process. Certain it is that the *Financial Post*, their subservients and associates, and their predecessors, have already destroyed the economic system by their insistence upon retaining as a part of it those stupid and unrealistic practices that ensure that every seven years we have to throw men out of work under a deliberate policy of unemployment, destroy huge quantities of our precious production, bring on a first-class depression, force countless thousands of our people to live in poverty in the midst of abundance; and finally bring on a war and start the whole cycle over again. I say, let them show their good faith by bringing forward some effective proposals to cure our economic ills. When they do they may have some room to talk.

What Social Crediters are trying to do is to remove the abuses of the so-called free enterprise system so that it can be given a chance to demonstrate its superiority over any other system in the world, and it can. Just get these old men-of-the-sea off its back, and one of them is the *Financial Post*. Social Credit thinks of full enjoyment. We do not lay the stress on full employment, but we do declare that not one single willing worker should be idle if he wants to work. We claim that as long as there is demand for them anywhere in the world, no goods possible of production should go unproduced. If we ever come to the point where overproduction really threat-

ens, then cut down the hours of work and see to it that there is a fair distribution of the leisure time possible, without reducing the take-home pay of the workers. There never has been a sound proposal, except from Social Crediters, whereby these things can be accomplished in our Canadian economy.

We are not "gloomsters". No one has more faith than Social Crediters in the future of our great country, and in its ability to yield abundance and happiness to its people. No one works harder than we do to preserve the good things in our private enterprise economic system. There will be no question in our minds about a brilliant and secure future for Canada and the world if the government of this country will assert its independence of the control of the people who subscribe to some of the policies held dear by the *Financial Post*.

Kick them body and breeches out of the driver's seat; make a few fundamental changes in financial policy; take a sensible attitude towards trade and the other factors of internal security I have mentioned; let the government settle down to do what it was originally designed to do, that is, make its most important task the removal of all those barriers and artificial restrictions which prevent individual Canadians from achieving by their own efforts security for themselves and their families. Do these things and the private enterprise economic system will successfully weather the stresses and strains of the days and events that are to come.

I hope I have thrown out some suggestions, Mr. Speaker, and made some sort of positive contribution to this debate. If I have, and if those things are seriously considered, I certainly will not feel that my time has been wasted.

Mr. E. T. Applewhaite (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, it is a real pleasure for one representing my constituency to take part in this debate on the address, because to all intents and purposes the adoption of the address is a vote of confidence in this government. This is the first time I have participated in a debate of this nature, and I find it not only a pleasure but also a natural duty to support anything in the nature of a vote of confidence in this government. Having just returned from my constituency there is one thing of which I am very certain; that is, that this government has the confidence of the country.

I returned from the west prouder than ever of Canada and of Canada's government. I found that our leader, the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) has captured the respect, the esteem, the affection and the confidence of at least my part of British Columbia to an extent I think never before equalled by any other prime minister. I