

Speech from the Throne

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): What is their policy on abortion, or legalization of certain drugs?

Mr. Forrestall: What is yours?

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): What is their policy, Mr. Speaker, pertaining to the two famous words they have used for many years, "two nations;" and last, but not least, what is their policy on bilingualism?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I have listened to hon. members opposite all week, and some of them do not seem to know of the great unity which has been established in Canada by this government. Every single Conservative who has spoken in the House of Commons in the last few days, with the possible exception of the last speaker, has done harm to the cause of Canadian unity. They could not accept a bill which was passed in this House with their own approbation. I am talking about the bilingualism bill.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Many hon. members opposite have spoken against it in the last few days. That is typical of the Tory party, which always speaks with a forked tongue. Hon. members use a different language when they speak outside this House.

Mr. Paproski: Don't bother speaking about bilingualism, speak about bread and butter.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I am talking about bread and butter. You need it, too, mister. If I were like the hon. member, I would go without butter.

Mr. Paproski: Shame.

Mr. Woolliams: You look pretty healthy, too, Joe.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Perhaps the problems I have spoken about are too complicated, too difficult and too involved for the loyal opposition to understand or deal with. Perhaps that is why the opposition has not offered—I repeat, has not offered—concrete, sensible and feasible suggestions to this House and the Canadian people. That is why they have not accepted—

Mr. Woolliams: The so-called just society.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): That is why they have not accepted the Prime Minister's challenge. It would be too difficult for them to understand. They cannot formulate a policy and let the nation know about it. May I repeat this, to emphasize it. I am not the only one making such statements. Bruce Hutchison, in last night's *Ottawa Journal*, examined this situation carefully and said that the opposition had offered nothing concrete, sensible or feasible to this House.

Mr. Forrestall: He is one of the leading Liberal spokesman.

Mr. Woolliams: But Mr. Hutchison is not unbiased.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): If the Conservative party cannot agree on its own policies, how can it ever offer constructive criticism on the government's policies? The

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opposition has done just the opposite by slanting and ridiculing our just society. The good will and support of everyone, and particularly of the opposition, are needed if we are ever to realize the just society.

Mr. Forrestall: That will be the day.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, to illustrate the attitude of the opposition may I say that when the House was requested by His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, to proceed to the other place to hear the Speech from the Throne—

Mr. Woolliams: There was nothing in it.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): —on Thursday, February 17, most members of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition opposite me did not attend. Why, Mr. Speaker? Why did they not attend en bloc, as they say in French. In other words, en bloc they protested and did not attend the Senate; this is true of all except one of their members who went there humbly, cap in hand, as did their leader. Why did they stay away from the Senate en bloc? This was a direct insult levelled at Her Majesty, the Queen.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): This was showing disrespect to Her Majesty the Queen, to the Senate and to the Governor General of Canada.

Mr. Forrestall: There speaks a great monarchist.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski: Shame on you, Joe. They will never believe that in St. Boniface.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, they did not attend the Senate en bloc, thereby showing disrespect to Her Majesty the Queen, His Excellency the Governor General and the Senate of Canada.

Mr. Nesbitt: Joe, you pay attention and I will drive.

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Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): In the same breath, the opposition tells the House and the public that it is concerned about the coat of arms on RCM Police cars and that we on the government sides are against the monarchy. This confirms once and for all that the loyal opposition is only playing politics. They are not sincere with the people they represent. They are not even sincere when they talk about the monarchy, or they would have attended the Senate as a loyal opposition normally does.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): There is no doubt some members of the loyal opposition are sincere and do a good job. There are a few. However, when only the leader attends the Senate, that is very bad. This is the first time I have seen so many members opposite present in the chamber.

Mr. Forrestall: It is all because of you.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): I would like to raise another matter. I wish to quote from a newspaper. I got this idea from members opposite who are always quoting from