

guaranteed annual income not only for all those who have been fired and replaced by machines, but also for all consumers who have no job and no income based on their production or even on their over-production or the super production capacity of our country.

What do we need to produce today? Is it machinery? Manpower? It is not machinery since it can produce three or four times more than humans. It is not the manpower either since we have over one million unemployed and even more people on social welfare. Could it be consumers, Mr. Speaker? Yet so many families cannot even afford essential food products like milk because it is too expensive. Food costs too much for them. The only thing wrong is the distribution which for most consumers is still based on the percentage of jobs. The logic of this crazy system of ours is quite simple: you don't work so you are entitled to unemployment insurance for a few weeks, but after that, nothing. Production cannot be bought without employment. The only solution that our economists could find was to force quotas on producers and fine them if they ever dared exceeding these quotas. We have that in agriculture. We witnessed and we are still witnessing the most glaring abuses of our times.

While infants and children were denied the milk they needed because their parents were too poor to buy it, farmers were forced to spill the milk of their cows down the drain. I really mean "forced", for if these producers took that milk to the dairy plant they were fined in addition to losing all their production. For instance, if they had \$500 worth of milk, they were fined \$500 and their production was seized and sold on the market. They were fined for their milk surplus. Such unbelievable contradictions occur because no government so far had the intelligence or the "free" will to create a system that would bring this super production to the consumer who has no access to it simply because he was replaced by a machine. For years we have been looking for means to help the worker in his daily work, and now that we have found some, the most victimized is the worker.

Today, Mr. Speaker, the official opposition is still serving us the same salad, full employment, always employment, many jobs in order to eat, in order to provide a decent living for all Canadians. It is as preposterous as ever.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot believe that there are not enough intellectuals in the opposition to suggest a distribution system which could operate concurrently with our modern production system. It is not enough to condemn the government's inaction. We have to suggest as soon as possible to this government remedial measures designed to deal with this unacceptable situation for all the Canadian people. Moreover, having been in power for six months, the government has not done much to set the economy afloat and to urge investors to create new jobs, and I repeat, urge.

I was quite pleased to hear the minister this afternoon. I personally agree with him that the government can only create

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temporary jobs. I have always thought so, because necessarily permanent and well-paid jobs are always created by private enterprise. Today the Prime Minister reminds me of a captain who inherited an old damaged boat years ago and which he is stubbornly trying to lead safely into port with a big hole of \$12 billion in its hull. I wonder whether he will reach the shore before March 31, 1980.

After all, Mr. Speaker, the Canadian public must be told that we are still living with the estimates and liabilities of the former government. There is no need to worry. The estimates for the fiscal year 1979-1980 which began on April 1, 1979 will apply until March 31 of next year. Therefore, we must manage within the current fiscal year ending on March 31. Now, the present government is trying to adapt. The first projections which the Liberals made in April 1979 were of course for the full fiscal year, and I think that the present government is trying to make the necessary adjustments due to the circumstances and current events.

That is why I mentioned a while ago the ship which is going through difficult times. It is much easier to abandon ship and tell the crew: Well, take over, it is your turn to try. Listening to the speeches a while ago, I felt it was exactly like that. The former government is blaming the new one for what it failed to do and should have done. But if we blame the present government, we must be fair and praise its efforts over the past six months in the area of consumer protection. To mention only the last two bills, I point out the measure extending the spouse's allowance at the pensioner's death, and Bill C-20 being considered by the Committee of the Whole, which, in addition to creating new jobs, will bring about a reform advocated by members of the Social Credit party of Canada for the past 20 years and allow the deduction of mortgage interest paid by the head of family and home owner. We have been asking for that for the past 20 years. It is not perfect. The Liberals said: You should have given everything and made it universal. Yet, this is a start. The door is now open. That is one way of reducing interest on single family dwellings, and in so doing, creating employment by encouraging young people to become home owners without having to spend 30 years working for big finance.

The Liberals will maintain that they too encouraged housing construction, and even that they helped the average Canadian to own his home, thus creating new jobs. I say to that, Mr. Speaker, that the Liberals helped first the owners of multiple unit residential buildings; and since they can avail themselves of all kinds of tax deductions on their properties, so that the money they borrowed cost them almost nothing, thanks to the deductions. As for the average owners, the former government helped them to get into debt for 25 or 30 years and at the rates of interest we know. Just think of it, the rates of interest run up to 15 per cent! Small owners were helped into debt, which means that big finance was helped out first and foremost.