

*Criminal Code*

We tried to convince the minister and his colleagues, both within the committee and in the house. We tried to make them realize that the doctors were worried about this bill.

A committee of doctors had suggested that the legislation be amended in order to enable doctors who would object as a matter of conscience or for personal reasons to procure an abortion, not to have to procure one. It would have been easy to accept a minor amendment drafted in general terms to the effect that nothing in this legislation would oblige a doctor to procure an abortion if, for personal reasons or reasons of conscience or other professional imperatives, he would feel necessary not to procure it. The government refused that amendment which in fact was sound.

The government refuses also a motion by the Creditiste member concerning a six month's hoist so that the Canadian people could really get aware of the problem now under consideration in the Canadian parliament.

This amendment is so necessary that some members of the Ralliement créditiste, myself and some others of my colleagues, have received representations from Liberal associations from all over Canada. In fact, some presidents of associations have expressed their concern and made statements contrary to the assertions of the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) and some other Liberal members, that during the last election, the Canadian people had been invited to vote at the same time for this government and for the omnibus bill.

This is totally incorrect since we have in hand documents and letters coming to us from all parts of Canada telling us clearly that during the last election, the Canadian people had not authorized the Trudeau government to pass this famous and infamous bill on abortion.

I have here an article from the May 5 edition of the *Ottawa Journal*, where it is said that Dr. Dalton McGuinty, who was president of the Ottawa-Carleton Liberal Association, dissociates himself from the Liberal party because he does not accept this legislation. That is why I am in favour of the amendment moved by the Ralliement créditiste so that those people may stand in opposition.

Another letter was sent to me which explains why the amendment was moved. I received a letter from Mrs. Claire Campbell, dated May 1, 1969, where it is said, and I quote:

[Mr. Valade.]

• (3:10 p.m.)

[English]

The Campbell family voted for your party—

[Translation]

Mrs. Campbell was writing then to the Minister of Justice.

[English]

The Campbell family voted for your party but did not vote for the liberalization of abortion. I know many families, traditionally Liberal, who voted against your party because of that very question.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, we get such evidence from all parts of the country. I have some from Vancouver, from Ottawa, in short from everywhere. Canadians oppose this erroneous, unfounded and fallacious assertion which has been made for too long by the party in office, to the effect that the people, when they voted for the present Liberal government, approved at the same time the omnibus bill. This is an inaccurate and dishonest statement and, for the Liberal members, too convenient a pretext to shrug off their obligations and their responsibilities before the house and before the Canadian electorate.

Mr. Speaker, since I do not want to delay the vote, I do not intend to extend my remarks. I must go fast, unfortunately, but I still feel duty bound to remind the house of this magnificent document called "the Canadian charter of human rights" which bears the signature of the right hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau when he was Minister of Justice. It is not necessary to examine this wonderful document for very long to demonstrate the present contrast between what exists in the Liberal representation and in the grey matter of the present Prime Minister. I just have to open the document at page 9, chapter 1, under the title "The rights of the individual". This chapter was written by Mr. Pierre Elliott Trudeau. I will just quote the first paragraph:

Interest in human rights is as old as civilization. Once his primary requirements of security, shelter and nourishment have been satisfied, man has distinguished himself from other animals by directing his attention to those matters which affect his individual dignity.

I wonder what the Prime Minister had in mind when he referred to the dignity of the human being.

The dignity of the human being, as I understand it, is to respect oneself as such. It is to be aware, not only of one's responsibility