

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

That is from the *Ottawa Citizen* of May 31, 1971. These are selected quotations, I realize, but I shall continue. The *Montreal Gazette* of May 31, 1971, reads:

"It would be unreasonable not to expect someone to object" said one official just as it would not be reasonable to expect that each will be operated permanently for the whole summer.

Then again, from the *Globe and Mail* of June 3 of this year:

"We are desperately trying to logically and coolly deal with a problem we know is forthcoming," says Hugh Harvey of the United Community Fund. "If we don't deal with it we'll have a hell of a problem like Vancouver had last summer—riots, kids arrested. We don't want that."

Yet another quote, and this one from the *Montreal Star* of Thursday, June 10:

Operating for the first time this summer will be Aware House, sponsored by a group of citizens and the provincial government. It will have a 24-hour a day counselling service on drugs and will include a 50-bed hostel.

Then again, quoting—this one is from my own city—Deputy Mayor Hedley Ivany:

They are welcome providing they have funds to carry themselves. We can't afford freeloaders on top of an already pressing housing problem for our own jobless youth. I am not anxious to see Point Pleasant park, Victoria park and the public gardens turned into a bedroom—and it won't be.

Then again, we come to the *Globe and Mail* of June 7, 1971:

Sleeping in Montreal parks is prohibited by by-law but many spent the night there in the St. Louis Square park circulating (sometimes rapidly) upon request of the police.

And another quotation by Martin Dorrell, a *Globe and Mail* reporter who has gone across Canada in his quest for the truth in this matter. Here he deals with Ottawa. I am sorry, I do not have the date.

A young couple was arrested a few days for copulating on this lawn and the police are wary. The freaks pass around a bottle carelessly concealed in a paper bag. The police either do not notice or despair of stopping the communal celebration.

And again from the *Globe and Mail* of Monday, May 31, by Bren Walsh of St. John's Newfoundland:

There's also been a suggestion in the legislature that perhaps some building in some of the more accessible settlements which have been deserted in the province's resettlement program could, with little expense, be made ready for the visitors.

I now quote from the *Toronto Star* of June 4, 1971. It states:

An old Quebec city jail on the Plains of Abraham has opened and has been renovated by young travellers who have painted the walls in striking colours and planted flowers, he said.

It has been jokingly renamed by youth "La Petite Bastille", and can house 300 people a night.

My second last quotation is from the *Globe and Mail* of Tuesday, June 1, with reference to Winnipeg. It states in part:

The first snag was Ottawa's decision not to operate hostels this summer. Last year, a hostel was set up in the downtown naval reserve centre, HMCS Chippawa. Everything went well and the Chippawa staff would have been willing to do it again this summer.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me quote from the *Ottawa* dispatch from the *Globe and Mail* of June 4, 1971. It states in part:

—the department was modifying the ban, the minister replied that "most of the municipalities have been evading their responsibilities in this matter".

He said the main problem was that armouries are not properly equipped to house people.

To sum it all up, let me say that we knew these people were going to be moving and I cannot envisage a government at any level which would let up on its responsibilities to deal with youth on the move this summer.

**Mr. James Hugh Faulkner (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, what started out to be a question about youth hostel facilities in Montreal turned out to be a rambling and somewhat incoherent dissertation by the hon. member on the existence of hostel facilities in places throughout the country. Let me give some background to the existence of hostel facilities in Montreal.

As the hon. member knows, last year the federal government operated a network of youth hostels across the country. On the basis of last year's experience it was decided this year to respond to local initiative and to fund community-based groups who wished to establish youth hostels. This approach enables the establishment of hostels with community support and involvement, and eliminates the idea of the federal government's imposing hostels on unwilling communities.

Delays have been incurred by local groups in finding suitable locations at reasonable cost levels and in gathering support for their proposals. In Montreal, local groups have incurred setbacks in finding suitable sites. However, yesterday a youth hostel was approved at Co-op Habitat. This will provide 200 beds for the Montreal area. In addition, there are two proposals pending completion. These proposals will be considered as they become available. I would hope that announcements will be forthcoming shortly as additional proposals are completed.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.