

And what about social issues? Why did the Government not propose that a debate be held, as suggested by our Liberal leader, the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner), on a guaranteed annual income? Why did the Government not announce in the Throne Speech that it would set up a committee of the House or a joint committee of both Houses to consider how with the same budgetary envelope we could have 15 to 20 social programs to serve all Canadians?

We have social programs for senior citizens, some for our families and others for Canadians generally, some under the guise of tax shelters, grants, cheques or child tax credit based on age and another tax credit for the family. Why has the Government not endorsed the proposal made by the Leader of the Official Opposition? Why did the Government refuse to consider the development of a policy aimed at older people, a policy based on the needs of each of those groups? In the first place, with respect to health care or the so-called extended care centres. Secondly, community or low-rent housing which appeal to people, co-operatives or non-profit organizations, where older citizens in good health can live under the same roof to carry on group activities and enjoy some degree of security. There should also be a grant formula for housing and another one for home care.

Mr. Speaker, I think the Government has all the necessary tools, but it should do away with the Tory philosophy of taking money away from older Canadians to give it to the rich, and find out how, with the same budgetary envelope, care provided to older people can be improved.

The same applies to our families and to young Canadians. And it would be the same thing in the area of industrial assistance. I should like to pay tribute to the NDP members who have issued a document which clearly shows that the more affluent Canadian corporations have managed quite legally not to pay a cent in income tax and that some individuals earning \$100,000 in Canada have been allowed to claim the child tax credit.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing in this speech of 1986 which would clearly indicate a real improvement in the living conditions of Canadian men and women. But I am much more concerned when I consider what was written in 1984, for I, like the Canadian people generally, had faith in this Prime Minister in 1984.

About the consultation mentioned in the party platform, all groups were saying: Well, we should show some trust; these people must be honest. You can see the results, Mr. Speaker. I understand that PC Members do not like me to say that, but it is the truth. Have we been sent here to tell the truth or not? Is it true that the PC Government, contrary to what it had said, has cut back the Old Age Security Pensions? It is true. Is it true that it has cut back family allowances at the level of indexation? It is true. Nobody can say that it is not true, for it did indeed make these cuts. Is it true that it has deceived workers on early retirements in the Province of Quebec and the

rest of Canada concerning unemployment insurance benefits? It is true, and nobody can deny that. Is it true that after having deceived the people, it made cuts in the New Horizon program? It is true, it did indeed cut back, and nobody can say that it did not, Mr. Speaker.

Is it true that it changed the child tax credit for middle income taxpayers, so that people earning between \$22,000 and \$25,000 can no longer claim this credit? It is true, Mr. Speaker. It is written here in so many words. Nobody can say that the Government had not promised that it would not do it. Its election platform was deceiving. Has the Government rolled back the indexation of family allowances in order to reduce the deficit? Nobody can say that it has not. It's true, and the Minister admitted it after saying he would not do it.

Mr. Speaker, if Conservative Members are ashamed, just like the Hon. Member for Bellechasse (Mr. Blais) who is trying to stop us from speaking out, let them repent openly. If they cannot do so in the House, they should rise in their caucus and say to their Prime Minister: Listen, Mr. Prime Minister, we have been elected. We are honest people. We want intellectual honesty and openness to continue. Can anybody say that it is not true that the Prime Minister treats himself to caviar when travelling or that he brings along his butler? Nobody can deny it, for it is true. It is written in so many words, Mr. Speaker.

Nobody can say that the former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and his wife have not obtained interest free loans, for it is true, Mr. Speaker. Is it true that some Ministers have been forced to resign? Again, it is true, Mr. Speaker. There is no one in the House who can deny that.

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It is not too late, Mr. Speaker; the Government still has some opportunities left. The Minister of State for Youth (Mr. Charest) has the opportunity to do a better job than his predecessor who has been fired.

So the minister is given this opportunity. All members of the House must rise above petty politics to support him in his efforts to put pressure on the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), who is aware of only one class of citizens, and have him allocate funds to the Minister of State for Youth. Let him allow to the Challenge '87 program twice as much funds as last year. Money should be earmarked immediately for the Job Development Program. The prime minister was able to find money for those who had millions of dollars, who had deposits of more than \$60,000 in western banks. He was able to find \$1 billion. Let him find one more billion to help the young people of Canada. And if the minister succeeds in that undertaking, I will be the first to rise and say: "Well done!" If he is willing to take up the challenge, I will support and help him. But if the minister tries to lull almost everyone with words such as those of his little speech, as "Donalda" attempted to do, he will be sent back to do a television show.