

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

On the other hand, I think anyone viewing the program would understand the oversight, because I am sure that the average taxpaying citizen would not be reassured, after watching the activities in the schools, to realize that his tax dollar was going to subsidize a private school.

I raised the question of the Knowplace School, but if there is any doubt about it, with regard to the Barker School there is an article in the Vancouver *Province* of February 14, written by Mr. Wilf Bennett, which reads in part as follows:

Barker admits his school would be out of business this year if it weren't for a boost from the Company of Young Canadians. His staff teachers are C.Y.C. members, drawing incomes of \$2,600 a year—not princely by today's teacher salary standards but enough to get by on. The C.Y.C. is backing the school for just one year.

Also, there is an article which appeared in an issue of "The Ubysey", the student newspaper of the University of British Columbia, which reads in part as follows:

Barker admits his school would have been out of business this year if the Company of Young Canadians had not agreed to pay the salaries of his staff. "We charge parents what they can afford to pay, but this doesn't nearly cover our costs. If it weren't for the C.Y.C., we couldn't have operated this year."

So I do not think there is any doubt about the involvement of the C.Y.C. in an activity that is completely outside the scope of the act under which that organization was set up. Certainly sections 14 and 15 of the act dealing with the objects and powers of the company expressly indicate that it is to work alongside of and in co-operation with the existing organizations in the field. This would include the field of education. Anyone watching the television program would realize that a good deal of the time is spent in direct criticism of the existing school organizations.

● (10:20 p.m.)

Again I might draw your attention, Mr. Speaker, to an article from *The Ubysey* written by one Terry Campbell for the Canadian

University Press. Speaking of the schools, he said:

The second thing that is clear is the youngsters who are coming out of the free schools are going to be very different from our normal schools system's product.

They will not be complacent acceptors of the status quo or apathetic citizens. They will be the product of an organized attack against the existing educational structure and are going to expand this attack into other areas of society.

The movement is young and spreading. Its ultimate results remain to be seen.

This is one observer's view of the activities which the federal government is subsidizing through its Company of Young Canadians. I would argue that it was not the intention of this parliament when it passed the bill to launch an attack on the public schools system of British Columbia or of any other province. I would ask seriously whether the federal government is investigating the constitutional factors involved in this most remarkable intrusion of the federal government into the field of education in a province.

Mr. John R. Matheson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, this question was raised by my friend, the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke, this afternoon, and his representations will be brought to the attention of Mr. Alan Clarke, the director of the Company of Young Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion to adjourn the house is now deemed to have been adopted. The house stands adjourned until 2.30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply this day:]

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
4c, 46c.

INSURANCE
1c.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
1c, 25c, 38c, L120c.