

Motions for Papers

quite agitated. I shall refer to him in a moment. Perhaps you would allow me, Mr. Speaker, to read in support of my remarks an editorial gem from the "Miners' Voice", the Steelworkers regular weekly, or perhaps it is monthly, paper. It is headed, "What's With The N.D.P.?" I shall not read the whole article but among other things it says:

Steelworker full-time staff representatives contribute generously to the party's coffers by way of salary check-off. Thousands of rank and file steelworkers are party members and workers. The union is the party's largest Canadian labour affiliate.

One takes for granted that the party's politicians reciprocate this solid support. One would at least expect that they would not ignore, dismiss or condone malicious attacks on the steelworkers by the union's opponents. Not so.

The second last paragraph of the editorial is the one in which they make reference to the hon. member for Kootenay West who, by the way, is an honorary member of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

Mr. Herridge: And proud of it.

Mr. Byrne: It is a union of which, I am happy to say, I was a long-time member and am now an honorary life member. This paragraph of the editorial says:

Two such Mine Mill apologists come to mind. They are Leonard Mahoney,—

This is not Bill Mahoney, by the way.

—reeve of Mountjoy Township and the baron of the Kootenays, H. W. Herridge, M.P.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Byrne: The article continues:

Mahoney, a member of Mine Mill's paper Local 241 in Timmins is actively sabotaging the Steelworkers' bid to weld—

This is the Steelworkers sophisticated way of saying "raiding".

—one powerful mine union.

Then it says:

Herridge graces Mine Mill's table and sings its praises for the agitprop boys' propaganda mill.

I think I should read the last paragraph:

For some years, we have suffered these antics in silence. We think the time has come when responsible N.D.P. leaders and members had better declare themselves. We want to know where they sit!

Mr. Herridge: I know where I stand.

Mr. Byrne: I said earlier that I am not going to presume guilt by association. I know there are many members of the New Democratic Party who would not condone receiving donations from a union which

[Mr. Byrne.]

would perpetrate such acts of violence as are recorded in this little book called "The Rule of Law," and more specifically and in more detail in the unofficial translation of the judgment of Mr. Justice Antoine Lacourcière who heard the case against the Steelworkers brought by the Gaspé Copper Mining Company. The exact name is not important.

An hon. Member: Noranda.

Mr. Byrne: Gaspé Copper Mines, Limited. As I said, I am not implying that members are dishonest because of this, but the inference was certainly made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) respecting Liberal members.

Mr. Scott: Filibuster.

Mr. Byrne: I should like to cite just a few gems from this judgment. First the judge says:

This strike was absolutely illegal, in flagrant contravention of article 24 of the Labour Relations Act of the province of Quebec, which forbids any strike so long as an employees' association has not been recognized as representing the group of employees in question.

Mr. Scott: Question.

Mr. Byrne: I quote further from the report of the judgment:

From the beginning of the strike, force was paramount; in the first place the blockade of the plant, a blockade which, in its first nine days was so effective that it was impossible to get provisions to those workers held captive in the plant.

Another paragraph reads:

We know by the testimony...that a violence committee, baptized the Hi-Fi, had been formed by Bedard—

He is a Steelworkers' official.

—with the specific aim of stopping production of copper through acts of sabotage.

I continue to read from the report of the judgment:

It was on July 12, 1957, that...(three strikers)... went to dynamite the tailings line, and in this expedition...(one of them)...was killed, and...(the other two)...were very seriously injured.

Being a miner I know the dangers of explosives and as I hold a certificate as a shift boss I would not allow one dynamite cap, one detonator, to be set off in or about a mine without having set guards at all possible entries. Here we have three Steelworkers—

● (6:30 p.m.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I have been listening very carefully to the remarks made