

when he realizes that the minister offered \$200,000 to drive an industry out of his own constituency. And what did he do about that?

Mr. McBride: That is not true. Even your own leader accepted that was not true. He tried to get away with the untruth but when I pointed it out to him he admitted I was right.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, would you protect me from this self-appointed purist over there? I should like to refer to this article. I assume certain passages are put in quotation marks because the author knew he was quoting the hon. member for Duvernay (Mr. Kierans). This is what the article says in part:

—the decision-making process, as Kierans saw it, was not a controlled, efficient progression, but “ad hoc, scrambling and almost always tuned to ‘How will this look in June, 1972?’”

That is the date that people looked to, even some years ago, as the date of the next election. I continue:

“We would get pushed into a project because it would provide some jobs in time for '72 and that would make one riding safe, whether the project made sense or not, whether it was for the long-run benefit of the country or not; it all came down to one thing, creating lots of activity for '72.” Aid to American companies to build pulp mills in northern Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan while Canadian companies in Quebec were laying off workers could only be explained, Kierans felt, by the hope of buying votes with jobs.

Those are not my words. I did not sit in on cabinet meetings. I do not know what the internal discussions were but I am sure that the hon. member for Duvernay did. He was there and took part. He saw what was happening, but unlike the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion he at least had the guts to stand up and be counted and leave, because he knew that that situation was wrong. I wish the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion had as much courage. Certainly he should know better, unless his intention is to stay there and play politics right to the limit.

I should like to refer to what the minister said in the House a few days ago. He was asked about this dual role of his—on the one hand having hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars to give away to industry and on the other being the key campaign figure for the Liberal party, the chief fund raiser, in the province of Quebec. He was asked about this conflict of interest and I should like to quote from *Hansard* what the minister said when he replied in this House. As reported at page 458, he said:

Mr. Speaker, I state solemnly in this House, that I have never collected a cent for the Liberal party; as leader for Quebec, and responsible for Quebec,—

I take the minister's word for that. If he says that he did not collect a cent for the Liberal party, fine. He went on:

—I merely sent a letter of invitation to a fund-raising cocktail.

He continued:

All I did was send a letter and no one—this I state solemnly—knows the names of the companies that ask for subsidies from the department—

That is an outright falsehood. The minister issues press releases under his own name. A monthly summary is issued by the minister giving the names and addresses of the companies that asked for and received offers of

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grants from the department. So he knows who they are and so does everybody else. The minister continued:

—never are those companies approached for funds, unless it is later on, and then I know not by whom.

I suggest the minister does know by whom. He is in charge of his department. Over the last three years his department has had \$900 million of taxpayers' money available to give away to impoverished outfits like IBM. He then sends a letter inviting them to a cocktail, fund-raising party and signs his name to the invitation. Who else in the Liberal party would approach these companies and say, “Look here, IBM, you had \$6 million; Union Carbide, you had \$1.3 million; Falconbridge, you had \$4 million; Noranda, we gave you \$4.5 million. How about giving some back to our campaign fund?” Is anybody telling me that the Liberal party does not do that? Does the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion expect us to believe that this does not happen? Of course it does.

The minister is a member of the political party that runs the government of this nation. The minister is able to make gifts amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars to certain companies. Then he puts on his other coat and becomes the Liberal party fund raiser, or somebody in the Liberal party goes to the back door, knocks and says to these companies; “Remember how kind the government was to you? Won't you be kind to us now?” That is how the taxpayers' dollars are siphoned off. This money is given to these companies so that they can give some money back to the Liberal party in order that they can run an election campaign. The government is buying us out with our own dough.

No wonder the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) does not want to see any disclosure of the source of campaign funds. No wonder he wants to protect his friends. No wonder he does not want to tell us who these 95 companies are the Liberal party has been living off over the years. No wonder he does not want to tell us that when he attended a fund-raising dinner in Toronto, IBM was represented, as was Union Carbide, Falconbridge, Noranda Mines and Gaspé Copper. Was that accidental, or were they wanting to pay their friends back again so that this same crowd of sellout artists could get back in and continue to sell us out?

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The Minister of Regional Economic Expansion used to be a member of the trade union movement before he was vacuumed into the Liberal party. If this is the way he operated then, thank heaven I was not a member of a trade union when he was negotiating for us or we would have been faced with sellout programs every week.

Speaking of foreign ownership, he is not satisfied to have in this country a situation where in 1969, 94 per cent of the money United States corporations used to buy out Canadian industry came from Canadian sources, from borrowings in Canada, from profits in Canada and from tax loopholes under Canadian law. He is not satisfied to have that. The minister has now taken another \$42 million, or something in that order, of the taxpayers' money to give to various United States corporations to buy us out further with our own money. That is the sort of sellout artists they are, and it is very regrettable that representa-