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is in favour of it. If under the guise of bringing home the constitution, because everybody is so happy to see it come home, we carve up and destroy this nation, then I say to the Liberal party that the responsibility rests on their shoulders. You are the assassins of this country.

When they talk about separatists they laugh. We do not even have to go to the province of Quebec to find separatists now. We have one man, a Liberal premier, who has said that if anything happens, if things go wrong, he will join with the United States. I am referring to Mr. Thatcher, the premier of Saskatchewan. This is his latest pronouncement made in Montreal. He was going down to Montreal to appease these people to whom this government will not say no and to whom this government should say no. If the government of Alberta, even though it is my home province, wanted to do something which was detrimental to this country I should hope this government would exercise the kind of responsibility it should exercise, and say no. I would hope that if I were the premier of that province and asked for something that would destroy Canada, this government would say no. The charge I make against you is that you are not statesmen, you are politicians. You never do anything that will prevent the Liberals from winning; let us destroy Canada. This is the charge I make.

I say this. You should pick out the ten top constitutional men or women—

Mr. Moreau: Would the hon. member permit a question?

Mr. Woolliams: No, I am going to finish. This is the thing about which I have complained before. As soon as you get to some point that is important, they want to ask questions. These Liberal backbenchers are not allowed to speak for themselves, and any time you get up to say something that represents Canada as a whole you get nothing but interruptions, especially from the hon. member for York-Scarborough. If he wants to hold a meeting, let him go to Hull and hold a meeting; that is where meetings are held. We should have a committee composed of the top men and women in this country to examine what the Grits are doing. Let us place this matter carefully before a committee. Let us not rush into a situation that is going to result in this nation being carved up and those powers guaranteed under the B.N.A. Act being changed.

What does the *Winnipeg Free Press* say might happen under this formula? I believe the man who wrote this article, Maurice Western, is one of our top students at the University of Saskatchewan. You should argue the merits of this question with Maurice Western. This is what the *Winnipeg Free Press* says—I see you are watching and listening, and I am pleased about this, because this is an important issue. A province may not agree with the appointment of judges by the federal government. Some people agree that today some of these appointments are not of the calibre they should be. Premier Manning might say "We have no Social Crediters on the bench," and indeed it may be difficult to find any in that province. Then what about trade? Are we going to build up tariffs across Alberta, across Quebec and across Ontario? If you continue to erode the powers of the central government you destroy this nation.

I say to you that if you are ready to implement what you say you are going to implement, then you are going to destroy this nation, and as a result of that I charge you with being Canada's assassin. You are the honorary pallbearers at the funeral. There are so few ministers on the front benches that there will be very few pallbearers at the funeral.

Mr. Pickersgill: There is no one on the front benches on the hon. member's side.

Mr. Woolliams: I suppose you are right. The minister is getting a big laugh to acknowledge his remarks. I say this. You have the responsibility of government; you are the people who were going to govern with responsibility. I say that you have done everything but be responsible. You have been most irresponsible in carving up and destroying this nation.

Let us look at another picture. This is the second point I make. First, you have played the economic grasshopper game; then you have attempted to destroy the constitution of this nation. I want to come to something now to which everyone seems afraid to refer.

When the Queen came to Canada, what did the government do? What was the response from the government? I say you brought the crown, not the Queen—the Queen is a person but the crown is an integral part of parliament—into politics. If the Prime Minister of this country had had his way he would have had her unfurl a new flag, a flag which represented one of the most divisive issues in this country. He would have dragged the crown, an integral part of the parliamentary system of this country, down into the gutter of politics.