

longer have milk delivered to their houses? Should he not be on his feet raging? They do not have daily bread delivery any more. I mean, it is outrageous that people must go out in the cold of night and winter to buy bread. Oh, my God, is that not a terrible thing?

**Mr. Orlikow:** Answer the question.

**Mr. Andre:** The NDP should be outraged at this terrible reduction in service, that we no longer have bread and milk delivered to our homes. It is a scandal. We should do something about it.

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, let me begin by making it quite clear that the New Democratic Party feels that door-to-door delivery should be extended to all suburban residents, that all urban residents should be treated equally.

I personally made a tour across the country and visited various suburban locations. I consulted with the people about mail delivery and discovered that a very significant proportion of the people living in suburban locations felt betrayed by the Government. They felt that they were being treated as second-class citizens and that it was simply unfair that they should be denied the service which their neighbours or people across the street received. I visited communities in which the entire communities were surrounded by residential areas which received door-to-door delivery. It is incomprehensible to these Canadians why they should be treated as second-class citizens when they pay the same taxes and the same postage rates.

I welcome the conversion of the Liberal Party to this policy. I welcome the fact that the Liberals have seen the light. They have come out clearly as saying that they favour door-to-door delivery. In fact, they went a little further in the House today, saying that they would support revenue-generating activities at the Post Office. I welcome the Liberal Party catching up and taking this policy stand.

I am a little shocked by the Government's attack on the Liberal Leader for the adoption of this policy. It is interesting that the Minister said that the old policy of the Liberal Party was to freeze the extension of door-to-door delivery until an election and then make it available when an election was coming. He indicated that that was how we knew an election was coming. Rather than criticizing the Liberal Government for doing that, Canadians want the Minister to thaw. They want him to change his policy. They want to be treated fairly. They would like door-to-door delivery extended to all urban residents, so that it is not an election issue and cannot be played with, sort of like turning on the tap a bit when we are approaching an election and shutting it off when the election is over. I call upon the Minister and the Government to treat Canadians fairly. I call upon the iceberg to thaw.

We in the House are addressing the question of postal service by way of an Opposition motion for the third time in the last few months. It is a measure of the failure of leadership on the part of the Government when it comes to postal service. In

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fact, it is an indication of the false leadership which it is providing in this area. The Minister has become the "Pied Piper" of the postal service. He plays a beautiful tune and he promises to deliver the mail, but he is leading us down the garden path.

What I want to examine thoroughly today is just what the Government is saying with regard to postal service and what it is saying in the present context. I will deal with what is the Government's policy with regard to the Post Office and then the politics of the whole question of postal service.

I will begin by looking at what the Government is saying. It is quite simple. The Government is saying that if only the unions would give in people would receive service. The management of the Post Office has said that if only the unions would give up clauses in their collective agreement everyone would have service and the deficit of the Post Office would disappear.

It is a rare occasion when the President of the Post Office speaks out. He is usually closeted away. He has a reputation for being like an oyster, for keeping his thoughts to himself. However, when did he choose to speak out? He chose to speak out in the middle of the negotiations which are ongoing right now and said in effect if only the unions would give in, we would solve the problems of the Post Office.

Rather than playing the role of mediator, rather than problem solving, rather than finding a way for the negotiations to come to a successful conclusion so that people would be assured of continuing service, the Minister jumped into the fray with his big boots and tried to kick the unions while they were down. He said that if only the unions were not so powerful, if only the unions did not have such restrictive collective agreements everything would be fine at the Post Office and everybody would get service. He indicated that there would be no cost problems and that everything would be hunky-dory.

If three parties are involved in providing a service, is it credible to think that only one of them is to blame, that only one of them is responsible for the lack of adequate service? In this case we have the Government, the management of the Post Office, the unions, and the workers. Is it really credible to pick out one party and say that it is the one to blame? Is it credible to say that management's hands are clean, the Government is virtuous, but the unions are to blame? The Government is seeking to blame the unions for its own lack of leadership in the area of providing postal service.

I know from my experience as a parent—and I am sure it is the case with any Canadian parent—that when there is a squabble going on, usually it does not make any sense to blame one of the people involved. My two young boys are very energetic. They often play very co-operatively with each other. However, when they get into a fight, when they are screaming and yelling and I cannot take it any more, I rarely find it productive to blame one of them, to say that it is David's fault and not Eddie's fault. This is the approach the Government is