

*Criminal Code*

**Mr. Dinsdale:** As I was saying, murder your wife in the bedroom and you will see how fast the state will deal with that problem. But if you become involved in spiritual and psychological degradation of this kind you are actually committing an act that involves spiritual and even sociological death because, as I hope to demonstrate in the short time at my disposal, this is not an act that involves only the individual concerned. It has widespread sociological implications.

I know that a lot of acts are committed today in the name of what is called the new morality. The new morality is merely the old permissiveness that has dragged down men and nations from the dawn of creation as the result of a complete reversal of values, with evil becoming good and good becoming evil. We are concerned here with one of the most intimate and sensitive relationships between man and woman in human society. If we remove love from sex I suggest that we will destroy human personality. I suggest, with great respect, that we are seeing human beings behave at an animalistic level as interpreted in the best seller of a short while ago entitled "The Naked Ape". I would suggest to the minister that notwithstanding the arguments he made this afternoon, sex without love is immoral. People are to be loved and not used, and that applies to both sexes.

What we are embracing is the *Playboy* philosophy. I remember seeing one of those smart, cynical cartoons depicting a man and woman in a fond embrace and the man saying, "Why think of love at a time like this"? This is just about the level to which the government is taking us in this strange, unnecessary and, from a public standpoint, uncalled for amendment to the Criminal Code.

*Playboy* says it is all right if it does not hurt anybody. The Judaeo-Christian ethic says nothing is right unless it helps somebody. Actually what we are embracing is the Mohammedan philosophy of hedonism. That is where the phrase, "The state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation", originated. The Arab attitude or the Moslem attitude is that as long as public decency is not debauched everything is all right. That is precisely the philosophy the minister was supporting this afternoon. In other words, what I don't see I should not and need not worry about.

With respect, Mr. Speaker, we are dealing with a gross perversion of a very high and

noble function which is involved in perpetuating the species. It is socially vicious, Wolfenden notwithstanding—and who is Wolfenden, after all, but one man? I do not know if he embraces the *Playboy* philosophy. He might, but I think we could get many more important philosophies to support the other viewpoint. It strikes at the heart of our basic social institution, the family, and it is for this reason that so many authorities say today that what we are dealing with is a sick society. It is abnormal social behavior, because homosexuals are predators. Anybody who has been engaged in social work knows that the homosexual is a predator in respect of matters of sex. Homosexuals prey on juveniles. It is something that spreads like a plague, for there is no more destructive drive than the sexual impulse running wild.

The lawyers on this side of the house have already dealt with the strange anomaly that if you are over 21 you are legal and correct and if you are under 21 there is nothing said at all. In fact there is supreme silence on the matter. However, I was recently reminded by the Manitoba Director of Communicable Diseases, Dr. Snell, that one of the reasons for venereal disease running out of control today is the very difficult problem of controlling this sort of thing amongst homosexuals. It is an illness, I agree. It is a psychological and deep-seated spiritual disease which requires therapeutic rather than punitive treatment, but there is nothing in the amendment to the code that deals with the therapeutic aspect of the problem. It is an action that is incomprehensible, that is going to make it impossible for a good many members on this side of the house, indeed I hope on both sides of the house, to vote for other amendments to the Criminal Code which are worthy of support.

To bring these remarks to a conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to quote a few words from Dante. I think the minister will recognize them as having some pertinence so far as our modern 20th century sex-saturated civilization is concerned. In another time of darkness in human affairs in the moral sphere Dante said: "The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who in a period of moral crisis maintained their neutrality". I hope many hon. members will take a stand on this issue even though it means they will have to vote against the bill as a whole because of the failure of the government to deal with it reasonably and rationally in separate parts rather than in omnibus form.