

mahogany desk, protected by our democratic laws. I say without equivocation that they are making unnatural and unnecessary profits. Is this the co-operative society of which we hear so often? A co-operative society should be more than a two-way street between the taxpayer and the labourer. We should ensure that when it costs \$2,000 to manufacture an automobile, the customer is not charged \$7,000.

My home province of Alberta has almost unlimited resources. I venture to say that if the whole population of Canada moved to Alberta it could be fed, clothed and housed. There would be enough resources to support all the population. The resources of Alberta have not been developed to the fullest extent because we have not taken advantage of all the opportunities. We have been too busy quarrelling amongst ourselves. We have been concentrating on bilingualism, biculturalism, communism, non-communism, socialism, non-socialism and many other matters. If you want a red herring, just add an "ism" at the end of a philosophy and you can talk about it forever without accomplishing anything.

The people of Canada are thoroughly fed-up. Sometimes I think the people are willing to accept a type of dictatorship or unholy triumvirate which would take over and do their thinking. If this happens, it will be the fault of hon. members of this chamber for not having developed a dynamic plan and insisting that our leaders put the plan into action.

I would be remiss in my duty if I allowed the fourth estate to get off scot-free. I have often heard members of the press say that no one in this House takes his job seriously. They often state that we are not present in the chamber. Looking around this evening, there may be some excuse for saying that. However, there are not very many in the press gallery to disagree with me tonight. As a rule there is one lone observer in the gallery. He runs back and tells the rest of the boys how we neglect our duties. I suggest it is time the fourth estate took a good look at our country and considered more carefully the leadership that we have. The person with the loudest voice does not always have the most intelligence—otherwise I might be the prime minister.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Bigg: Some members speak with quiet voices in this chamber. They do not receive press coverage. Although they do not have dynamic personalities, they talk in the language of simple truth. They are honest and reliable. They believe in virtues such as hard work, honesty and responsibility. Some of them do not have their garments plucked in public, nor do they appear with roses in their hair. We know truth when we hear it. I sometimes wonder if this fact is recognized by the press gallery. I venture to say that on many occasions I could get more press coverage if I wanted to be small enough to buy a case of beer. If that is the price of truth and publicity, without which any politician will die politically, I am not willing to pay the price. I have heard some members of the press gallery confess that they supported

one stand or another because they received a bottle of whisky at Christmas.

• (9:10 p.m.)

I do not expect to make the press tonight. It would not be the first time one crying alone in the wilderness was neglected. I claim I am not alone, though I also claim that in many cases it is useless to speak the simple, flat truth. It is more dramatic to desert one's leader in times of trouble. That gets press coverage. It is more dramatic to abandon one's principles so you can plan "way out" things like the artist and the poor musician. Very often today they cannot make a living without being "way out". Painters are no longer allowed to paint pictures of the beauties of the forest, of the mountains or the sunset; they have to delve into their twisted minds and paint their erotic dreams or sadistic experiences under LSD. Then they are poets; then they are painters. I hope the day will never come when to be a suitable member of the House of Commons one has to be "way out" in everything.

More and more I feel the permissive society has gone too far. I voted in this House for the abolition of the death penalty. Little did I realize that I was doing away with the death penalty for treason. Very seldom do we get an opportunity to vote black or white. I for one think the penalty for selling one's country should still be punishable by death.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am informed that the hon. member's time appears to have expired. He may continue with the consent of the House. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Bigg: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I have reached a good place at which to end. I started out to make a plea for a new look at our economy, to make a case for a dynamic plan for the development of Canada. But at the back of my mind is still this cloud which is hanging over us all. Before I sit down I want to make this plea. This may be a good time to take a look at some of the old values; it may be a good time to take a look at some of the old penalties for some of the old crimes. Little did I know that the penalty for treason, for selling one's country, for openly supporting anarchy and shedding innocent blood, as we have just witnessed, would ever be condoned individually or collectively by the Canadian people. I must admit I was wrong, and at the first opportunity I hope to stand up and vote the way I should have done a few months ago.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Ambrose Hubert Peddle (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, the Speech from the Throne delivered a week or so ago began by offering belated birthday greetings to the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, and birthday greetings in advance to British Columbia. The Speech ended by asking divine providence to guide us in our deliberations. Between the birthday