

or England landed here. They hoped to get enough to live. They would not have come otherwise and this true credit has constantly increased since then.

The problem is not at all due to actual possibilities but it is an artificial problem created by the lack of money and figures which can make products and services fluctuate.

There are two kinds of credit, Mr. Speaker, the true credit and the financial credit.

The financial credit is established by banks and is based upon the real credit. On the other hand, the real credit is the work and the devotion of past generations, science, technique or technology as well as philosophy.

Money credit is a title which gives a right to those products and services. It is only a figure engraved on metal or printed on paper, and it is controlled by the Bank of Canada for an issue of almost \$3 billion. But financial credit, Mr. Speaker, amounts to figures—

Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock?

• (10:00 p.m.)

[English]

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. Stanfield:** Mr. Speaker, may I just ask for confirmation of the business for tomorrow. Is it the railway bill?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, No. 24 on today's order paper, the bill dealing with the financing of the Canadian National Railways. If any time is left over after that matter has been dealt with the house will resolve itself into committee of supply and consider the estimates with respect to legislation and the Treasury Board.

#### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

#### IMMIGRATION—INQUIRY AS TO ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**Mr. Ray Perrault (Burnaby-Seymour):** Mr. Speaker, this house and the country have heard a great deal in recent weeks about the Biafran tragedy—and it is a tragedy. To listen to some of the remarks of the opposition members one would conclude that the

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Canadian government is totally insensitive to suffering, while the opposition is a veritable oasis of charity and humanitarianism. Hon. members on the opposition benches know in their hearts that this is not true. It is not given to any group, be it a political party, a government party or an opposition party, to be the repository of goodness and generosity to the exclusion of all other groups. There have been criticisms of Canada's record in Nigeria. But what is that record, Mr. Speaker? Stated simply, the record is the best in the world.

We were one of the first nations to answer the call for help last August. We are the only nation which has been successful in negotiating with both sides to expedite aid to the starving of Nigeria and Biafra. We are the only nation today with government aircraft bringing aid to the victims of that horrible war. That is the record.

We are one of a handful of nations to contribute to the team of observers. These have been solid and productive accomplishments. In the process the government has not yielded to the temptation to seek headlines. Indeed our record in assisting in the resolution of international disputes and extending aid rests in our ability to conciliate and negotiate, even though that is done in an unspectacular way.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Who wrote that speech?

**Mr. Perrault:** During these past weeks, when we have seen some hon. members trafficking politically in the human misery of the Nigerian conflict, it is noteworthy that hon. members of the opposition have virtually ignored Canada's record in another area, a record which adds new laurels to Canada's reputation as a nation that cares about humanity.

We have achieved a superb record in the Czechoslovakian refugee crisis. The manner in which Canada has met her obligations in the Czech crisis shows that where there is an opportunity, where international red tape and diplomatic realities do not intervene, the government of Canada more than matches in action the generosity and compassion which the opposition delineates in words. The government, and particularly the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, deserve the commendation of parliament and the people of Canada for the nature and extent of the efforts to find a new life in Canada for those refugees who fled from Czechoslovakia in the face of Soviet aggression.