

*Emergency Powers*

Mr. COLDWELL: Particularly those who voted the wrong way.

Mr. WRIGHT: Both ways.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): It is natural I suppose that I should seem to address some of my remarks mainly to the gentlemen on my immediate left. I do that with great respect, and I do it with the feeling that while our views differ very greatly, nevertheless we are pursuing the same objective, although we sometimes forget that. It is with that in mind that I begin.

I wish to begin by referring to certain views expressed by the leader of the C.C.F. party, because frankly I am puzzled from time to time as to what his actual view is on this important question. I want to read this sentence from what he said on a previous occasion—and I hope this will not be an infringement of the rules. I quote from *Hansard* of February 3 last, page 69:

The struggle today is really between those who believe in social ownership and cooperative endeavour and those who believe in the continuance of the exploitation of the people by powerful groups of vested interests.

I regret the word "exploitation". I have looked it up in the dictionary in order to make quite sure what it means. The word "exploitation" has a sinister sense. It means that certain people are trying to take unfair and oppressive advantage of other people, and I shall have more to say about that. I wish to make it clear that I am not trying to gloss over the defects and dangers and failures of the system I believe in. Nevertheless I regretted that word.

I propose now to refer to another statement which the hon. gentleman made and which I suggest to the house and to him is a very different statement. I think I have him almost word perfect if I recall that he said in this house: "I do not object to private enterprise, but if they take the profits they must take the risks." I approve of that. I am not objecting to a single word in it. I wish to appeal to the hon. gentleman—and I shall not ask him to answer now—as to which of these two voices I should listen to. I am going to recall to him a saying which I looked up the other day. I have often heard the saying "to appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober", but I never knew what it meant until the other day.

Mr. COLDWELL: Until yesterday.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): I allow the hon. gentleman to have his score. I looked it up the other day and found that it refers to an evidently famous incident in literature where Philip of Macedon had given

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a judgment on a certain woman and she said, "I appeal." The king, who apparently had been dining not wisely but too well, said, "You appeal to whom?" She said, "To Philip when sober." And apparently her appeal made when he was sober was successful. I am now going to appeal to the hon. member for Rose-town-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell); and when I say intoxicated of course I mean merely with the exuberance of his own thoughts, but I am going to appeal to him in that quality, to what I consider the sober quality in which he uttered the words, when he said he did not object to private enterprise but if they took the profits they must take the risk.

I now wish to come to his colleague, who is not here today but at present is flying somewhere on the way to Vancouver, and I hope high up in the air over the Rocky mountains. He spoke last night and I think he made too good an argument against freedom; and when I say "freedom" may I there say freedom cannot be absolute. What we want is as much freedom as we can have. We start from that point of view, recognizing at the same time there must be some regulation. I take it also that when we talk about a fully planned economy what we have in mind is the people who would like planning and want as much planning as possible and will only leave that area of freedom which is over after there is as much planning as they consider wise.

As I was saying, I think the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. MacInnis) last night made too good an argument. First of all, he talked about "cut-throat competition"; then he went on to talk about "exploiting". I suggest you cannot have it two ways. If you are going to have cut-throat competition, surely that very phrase means that you are going to get the advantage that we say comes from competition. You are going to get low prices. I am not forgetting that cut-throat competition can in the end by a process that sometimes happens lead to monopoly, and I will have something more to say about that later. But I still say the hon. member made too good a case when on the one hand he decried cut-throat competition and on the other hand went on to talk about exploiting. You cannot have it both ways at the same time.

Then he went on to another thing which I do not think he really meant. He said that we in this party—and this is often said—are intent on going back to those conditions which brought tragic results before the war. I think that is what he said; I took it down at the time. I do not think he meant that. I do not think anyone in the group to my left means that we, more than anyone else, want to go