

Interim Supply

The ministry, the government and the political party do not exist. Only human beings have life, intelligence and responsibility.

Let us cease burying our responsibility behind abstract barriers, behind creations of our mind, behind institutions whose responsibility is limited, atrophied, anonymous.

Every individual is responsible for his position and if he does not feel able to play his part, he should give it up to someone else.

Let us stop hiding behind party politics. Every minister should pursue only one policy: the people's policy.

And the people include 7,000,000 children under 16; 1,000,000 students over 16; 1,300,000 dependent adults in all age groups; 3,000,000 mothers without any income; 12,300,000 Canadian citizens without income; 7,000,000 adult producers with an income; 19,300,000 citizens with needs.

Every citizen has a personal vital right, a natural and divine right, attached to his person from his birth to his death, independent even from his ability to work, to earn a living, before God and man.

All groups, all companies or organizations of every type are merely human institutions, legal bodies, private or public, made up of living persons.

The Chairman: Order.

Mr. Latulippe: Ministers and members of parliament, whether Liberal, Conservative, socialist, Social Crediters, nationalist, separatists—

The Chairman: Order. As much as I regret it, I must inform the hon. member that his time has expired.

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Chairman, I have here a table which would prove my point. However, since it is fairly long, I would ask that it be printed in *Hansard*, if possible, without my reading it.

The Chairman: Order. No, that is not allowed, unless the table is part of the hon. member's speech.

Mr. Latulippe: It is part of my speech, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: I am sorry, but our standing orders do not allow such procedure.

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Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, in rising today to speak on supply I would point out that we have listened to various speeches in reference to the C.B.C., but I wish to direct

[Mr. Latulippe.]

my attention to something that arose this afternoon and which I believe affects the whole house. I trust you will bear with me, Mr. Chairman, because I have only had the last ten minutes in which to prepare these remarks.

I have said that this matter affects the whole house, and as the official opposition one of our major duties is to control the spending of money. When there is a privilege which affects the whole house, then it goes to the very root of the function the opposition are expected to perform in this house.

This afternoon we saw a matter which has been brushed aside by the Prime Minister. This afternoon the Prime Minister rose and said that something was false but then made no further explanation, and no other members on the government side said anything in this regard. I should like to refer to what took place on September 10, 1964. On that day the special committee was set up to consider the question of a Canadian flag. The composition of that committee comprised members of the Liberal party, the Conservative party, the New Democratic party, the Social Credit party and the Ralliement Creditistes. Although I was not a member of the committee and consequently have limited knowledge of the facts, as I understand it—and I challenge anyone to deny it at this time—when the committee first met it agreed that it would sit in camera and that if any of its considerations were to be disclosed such disclosure should be made by the chairman.

There now appears to have been a serious breach in this respect, Mr. Chairman. If such a breach occurred in a court of law which was sitting in camera the person guilty of the breach would be in contempt of court and brought before the bar of justice. I suggest that this particular member of the house is in contempt of parliament this afternoon. It is interesting to note that in the *Ottawa Citizen*—

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Tardif): Order. I think the hon. gentleman will realize that he has to relate his remarks, not to an individual member but to the problem under study.

Mr. Woolliams: Well, Mr. Chairman, I do not quite follow what you mean but I have always had a lot of respect for the Chair and am trying to stay within the rules. I do not think I am out of order in this regard. I am now coming to grips with the problem. As I pointed out at the outset of my remarks, the function of an official opposition is to check into the expenditures of government depart-