

Canadian funds. Further, those donations should be made only by corporations which are controlled by Canadians.

My colleague who preceded me quoted from "Some Aspects of Campaign Finances in Canada". I should like to read something contained in that pamphlet. The heading of the part I shall read is, "Bill C-203—The latest reform proposal". Near the bottom of page 17 begins the Part I shall read, as follows:

Scandal and rumour, however, continue to beset the fund raising process at the provincial and federal levels. In Quebec there have been revelations concerning contacts between Liberal politicians including a former minister and alleged underworld characters; in Ontario sums purportedly collected by Conservative fund raisers from property developers doing business with the provincial government as in the Fidinam affair have prompted the provincial Premier William Davis to instruct the Ontario Committee on the Legislature which has been charged with proposing changes in procedures and practice to bring in a proposal for the disclosure of campaign contributions. On the federal scene the Liberals have been shown to have developed in 1972 a systematic procedure for collecting funds in the United States from the headquarters of corporate subsidiaries in Canada, including a presumably abortive approach to the heads of the giant multinational International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation. Although shrugged off by Liberal bagmen with countercharges that their Conservative counterparts were doing likewise and claims that the New Democrats received funds from international trade unions headquartered in the United States, the charges touched a sensitive nerve of an increasingly nationalistic Canadian public opinion concerned about the so-called corporate rip-off.

Although it is claimed by some that the NDP is the legislative arm of the Canadian trade movement, and although it is true that most Canadian trade unions prefer their members to participate in the political process and vote for the NDP, attempts to influence workers have been clearly unsuccessful in many areas. Further, with regard to the raising of funds there is considerable difference between the way the NDP tries to raise money in Canada from Canadian trade unions who support a political party and the way the Liberal and Conservative parties attempt to raise money, inasmuch as those parties go to headquarters of companies like the International Telephone and Telegraph Company in the United States and ask for contributions.

In Canada both the steelworkers and the auto workers participate in the decisions of their unions. Those unions enjoy the almost complete support of the various locals across Canada. Votes taken at regularly and duly constituted meetings make it possible for supporters of these unions to affiliate directly with other unions. As people who know about the Steel Workers of America will be aware, after the death of Philip Murray, a progressive man, MacDonald took charge. MacDonald decided at a convention that his organisation would not provide support for any socialistic party in Canada. It resulted in the Canadian delegation en masse threatening to walk out of the convention. In the following election, the vote was almost totally for Canada against MacDonald and he was defeated as president of that international union.

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In Canada they have always exercised their right to support a political party local by local. To my knowledge that situation remains the same today. This goes on between elections as well as at elections. This is one of the reasons we pressed very hard for the idea of a consti-

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cy agent so that if a person in my constituency wanted to make a contribution to my political party and my campaign, he was able to do so. We would be able to keep control of that money in my constituency. I was surprised we were thwarted in this regard. The same can be said with regard to other segments of the American labour movement.

Some members may have heard Mr. Meany, the president of the CIO of the United States, recently recant on television what was said at their last convention. He said he no longer supported Nixon, that he thought Nixon should be impeached and that as a gentleman he should resign. He certainly backed away from the support his organization had overwhelmingly given to one of the most reactionary political parties on the North American continent. If my colleagues in the Conservative Party believe the situation should be that way in the United States, and at the same time they are going to donate money to the most left wing national party in Canada, they do not know Mr. Meany and the leaders of some of the other unions.

It is a fact that in Canada there is such autonomy. It is also a fact that autonomy does not exist in the boardrooms of Canada where votes are not taken as to who gets the donations. This was well illustrated by Palteil who did an investigation on this matter. He said if you are going to collect money from Canadian subsidiary corporations doing business in Canada, you will have to go to the head offices. I suggest in going to those head offices, both the Liberal and Conservative bagmen may have to be cleared by the CIA and other government agencies before even being allowed to make a request for that kind of money.

Anyone who believes the New Democratic Party receives contributions from the American trade union organization should be prepared to support an amendment that will make it impossible for any political party in Canada to get money for an election campaign from persons, corporations, boards of directors or any other agency not under the total control of Canadians by Canadians or those normally resident in Canada either by landed status or over a period of time.

If the Liberal Party has not yet found it out, I am sure they will very shortly find that the multinational corporations do not only play ball in the United States. It is not a case of getting a bilateral agreement. You have to go to OPEC; you have to go to corporations that may exist far from this country to find out whether money was received from Imperial Oil, Texaco or any other financial giants in the oil industry. They do not exist except on paper. The multinational corporations are like the hydra; you cut off one head and another grows. They are a financial bureaucracy that is self-supporting and self-effacing. They have no national conscience.

**Mr. Horner (Crowfoot):** Like the international unions.

**Mr. Peters:** I have explained that, unlike shareholders in multinational corporations, shareholders in Canadian unions, international unions, the CNTU or syndicates have a vote.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Hallelujah!