

The Budget—Mr. Nielsen

of the octopus—he did not use that term but I do—of the bureaucracy encroaching hon. members' rights. Yet he supports a government that directs our young people into some kind of bureaucratic outlet. I will say a thing or two in a moment about the C.Y.C., because the young people of this nation are the most serious tragedy of all. The young people look to the government for guidance, and get none at all. This government will go down in history as the government that refused to recognize the problems of the youth, or failed to do anything about these problems if they did recognize them.

An hon. Member: Local papers—

Mr. Nielsen: Who worries about local papers, when I rise in this house to speak? In my riding we have one weekly newspaper and it has to travel 207 square miles to get around, so by the time my remarks get around by newspaper they are pretty old.

We have had an offer by the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) to draft youth into the public administration. That does not meet the problem. No plan, no policy, no programs, no goals, no targets, no objectives for our young people. And this is a government that was elected on the youth swing. They set up the Company of Young Canadians and then they proceeded to find something for it to do. I think it would have been a great deal more beneficial and constructive had they determined the needs, set out the policies and objectives, and then set up the organization to pursue those objectives. Where is the great society; where are the plans, policies and programs that the people of this country expected from the government when they elected it?

Never has there been an order paper so bare, if I may use the term, or so bereft of inspiration as the present government's order paper.

Mr. Roy (Laval): I thought you were reading that in.

Mr. Nielsen: It makes Mother Hubbard's cupboard look like a well stocked patchwork. Let us have a look at these fresh new policies and find out what has been going on for almost 60 days. We have a bill here that is to concern itself with the status of official languages in Canada, a bill which I fear will be setting up bilingual ghettos in this country. Perhaps this is better than unilingual ghettos. We have a bill to amend the Farm Machinery Syndicates Credit Act.

[Mr. Nielsen.]

Mr. Roy (Laval): What do you say about it; were you here when the vote was taken?

Mr. Nielsen: The hon. member asked me what I have to say about this bill. Because of the government's attitude toward agriculture in the Yukon and in the north generally, we do not have to worry about agricultural matters there because we are not going to get anything from this government.

• (9:00 p.m.)

We have a bill to amend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act; we have a bill to amend the Veterans Land Act, with the specific purpose of raising the interest rates on V.L.A. loans; we have a measure to amend the Patent Act, the Trade Marks Act and the Food and Drugs Act; we have a measure to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act to provide for membership on the board of an officer of the national museums of Canada; we have an act or a resolution to introduce a measure to prevent the introduction or spreading of pests.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Nielsen: That is what I am going to be here to vote on. That measure refers to pests that are injurious to plants. We have a measure to provide compensation to farmers whose agricultural products are contaminated by pesticide residues; we have another measure to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act. This is to remove from the act the amounts of compensation specifically laid down for horses and cattle.

An hon. Member: For horses, what?

Mr. Nielsen: This is in respect of horses and cattle.

And so it goes. There is nothing on the order paper of consequence. Where is the imagination of this new era that is to come about as the result of the election of this fresh, new, vibrant, exciting government? Where is it?

Mr. Baldwin: It is still off to the rump.

Mr. Nielsen: Perhaps we might find it in the freshwater fish marketing board. The last government ran out of ideas after five years and this government is intellectually bankrupt from the start. They let the Company of Young Canadians flounder in danger of drowning. There is nothing for youth.

Mr. Perrault: You are not an optimist.