

ing unemployment insurance benefits having been laid off from his job of five years, and struggling to make ends meet, the inevitable happened. He and his wife, having gone through all of the human emotions which are allied with the problem of not having a job or an income, finally decided that they could no longer survive together. They separated, she and the children going to live in one place and he going to live in another place.

I heard a young man explain how someone in his plant who had been laid off and who had been faced with renewing his mortgage finally threw up his hands and committed suicide. I say to the government, although I do not want to overstate it, which is very difficult, that the result of the economic policies of this government is that not only are sane people being driven insane, but a situation is also being created in this country which makes life virtually impossible for large numbers of people.

I want to suggest to the government members who are here today that the responsibility for this policy is not only that of the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen). The responsibility for this policy is not only that of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) or the cabinet. It is the responsibility of every single Liberal backbencher who does not bring to this government's attention the fact that the policies it is now following are leading to the ruination of the very citizens of the constituencies they represent.

I said to those people this morning that what galls me is that, while they suffer so terribly, there are some in our society who are living off the fat of the land and enjoying a return on their investments which is unprecedented in Canadian history. There are some who are enjoying so much at the expense of so many others, and that seems to be the direction this government is bent on following. I suggested to them that while I would obviously like to be in government, and that is probably the aspiration of any Member of Parliament or, for that matter, anyone involved in politics, at this point in time I would much rather see this government do something useful for those people than pursue the goal of defeating it. Quite frankly, I would much rather accept that it was doing something and leave it there than run the risk of further economic chaos.

I told them I thought there was only one way for them to deal with the situation confronting them, and that was that in every single community across this country they should identify the closest Liberal Member of Parliament. They should walk, go by car, car pool or bus, or if there is still a train running they should catch the train, and go to the closest Liberal Member of Parliament's constituency office or, for that matter, to his or her home. They should explain to those of you, who do not seem to realize the economic ruin they are causing many people in this country, that your policies are no longer acceptable and that you must change the direction you are following.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### *Job Creation*

**Mr. Deans:** There is only one way to get through the heads of the members of the Liberal Party the fact that the country is facing economic ruination. It is to let you know, face to face, that come the next election these people will not have forgotten. These people will not be sucked in again by your promises on the election eve.

**Mr. Lalonde:** Stop making the children cry.

**Mr. Deans:** Listen—me making the children cry? If that child—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. May I call to the attention of the hon. member that remarks are to be addressed to the Chair.

**Mr. Deans:** I am terribly sorry. I did not realize I was not addressing them to the Chair. I am addressing every remark I made through the Chair, believe me. I said to them that it is time they bring to the attention of this government the fact that there will be no forgiveness two years down the road when you bring in your giveaway programs in an effort to bribe people to vote for you again, hoping that their memories are short. They should make it clear that never again will any one of you return to the House of Commons unless they see some action now on their behalf.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Deans:** I listened to that child cry and it was no wonder. If the child is old enough to understand what faces him or her in the future, it is no wonder—

**Mr. Lalonde:** Two years old.

**Mr. Deans:**—that the child cries.

I want to talk about certain places in Canada because two of my colleagues will talk about eastern and western Canada and the impact of this government's insane policy upon them. It seems as though the policy of the government is to create economic dislocation. It seems as though the policy of the government is to accept high levels of unemployment and high interest rates, to allow people to lose everything for which they have worked, to destroy communities, and to do little, if anything, to bring about any redirection of the economy in general.

My colleague, the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae), during the question period earlier, raised with the Minister of Finance probably the best example of this government's wrong-headedness. In 1971, 6 per cent of the work force was unemployed, and the government spent \$339 million in direct job-creation programs in an effort to alleviate the problems for that 6 per cent. Ten years later, in 1981, 8.3 per cent of the work force is unemployed. The government has committed \$143 million to direct job creation.

I put the following question to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) who is sitting and watching, obviously interested in what I am saying. How can it be that, with 6 per cent of the population unemployed, with over one