

The Address—Mr. Huntington

mergers of the majors. The attraction, of course, is a good, stable, industrial workforce and a stable set of rules. No government impediments interfere with very short research bench to production to market "play times". The five-year corporate tax holiday can be extended, within rules, to nine years.

All of this is to say that the government has a complete understanding of modern industrial needs in the 20th century and sets the environment to serve those needs. It does not impede industry but, rather, enhances and encourages it.

My, oh my, how different that is to the interventionist environment the Liberal Government has created for Canada! Rather than welcoming investment the Liberal Government rejects it with policies like a 4.5 cent per gallon Canadian ownership charge, whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China settles on jobs and foreign exchange created by those jobs.

I was impressed also with the fact that all decisions were made on the basis of how well the needs of the people were served by those decisions. The Taiwan example is duplicated in South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and, of course, in Hong Kong. The Asian Rim, Mr. Speaker, is where the industrial future lies.

• (1115)

If I may come on shore to the continent of North America, Sir, it has been my observation that industry and labour in southern California have recognized this reality. In southern California industries are being decertified—not that I am advocating wholesale decertification; I am speaking only to a segment of North America which is recognizing the reality of the Pacific Rim—and a good industrial wage now seems to be \$4.50 an hour without benefit packages. Again, I am not advocating this; I am giving examples of the realities of the workplace on the Pacific Rim. Input costs in southern California are adjusting and output is beginning to compete with the reality of the Asian Rim. New investment is being made in automation and in quality. Steel billets from Brazil are replacing the out of date steel mills. Rolling and extrusion plants are being updated. It appears to the outside observer that its industries and work force are moving to compete with the industrial realities of the Pacific Rim.

To fail to recognize the reality of change on the Pacific Rim is to continue to mislead the people and "ostrich" out the reality of work and industry through the balance of this century. The Third World is emerging. A massive shift is underway.

I ask the question, Mr. Speaker, what part will Canadians play in this emerging reality? In the Speech from the Throne, of which the Liberal Government is so proud, we just have, really, a regurgitation of the same old political rhetoric. It talks about opportunities through growth and developing regional strength. With respect to developing our regional strength, have you, Mr. Speaker, ever seen a country so divided as this one where a central government is imposing itself over the will of its second-tier governments in order to

centralize all decision-making processes? If the provincial governments are not careful, all they will end up doing is managing decisions which are made here in Ottawa.

The Speech from the Throne speaks of an aggressive trade drive. For what? For wheat, zinc, and the output of Bombardier? What about the rest of Canada and the growing of an industry which can compete rationally in the new world markets? The Throne Speech speaks about a competitive world class of industries. How can one have a competitive world class of industries when there are tariff barriers which protect industries which will not adapt to modern realities? We have FIRA and a plethora of rules which impede the decision-making process and prevent these new, integrated, international companies from even considering Canada as a place in which to create new industry. The Throne Speech talks about small-scale entrepreneurs being "unsung heroes" on the one hand, while on the other Revenue Canada is wiping them out. The Throne Speech talks about building our resources, while at the same time northern work and hardship benefits are removed, which makes it impossible for the exploration industry to survive without government grants, loans and suasive largess.

We are told in the Throne Speech that we are now going to enter a partnership for recovery. We are going to open the door to labour. There was something mentioned about a safety net, and after attacking the principle of private property in one of its Budgets, the Government now speaks, in a pre-election era, about new protection for homes and businesses. Beware of this doubletalk, my friends. It is destroying us. It is keeping us from recognizing the realities of the new, emerging industrial world. At a time when arbitrary powers are being abused by Revenue Canada, the Speech from the Throne assures us of our personal safety and security and reminds us that the new Charter will protect our freedoms. In spite of these rhetorical assurances, we see an outright attack on the middle class through the abuse of powers entrusted to the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Bussi eres).

• (1120)

May I remind you, Mr. Speaker, that it is this middle class that creates and innovates and can lead us to an authentic industrial recovery. May I remind you again, Sir, that policies like the Canadian ownership charge slowdown and inhibit private sector development and initiative. We see more and more government intervention in our lives here in Canada, and the Liberal Government passes thousands of regulations every year. Those regulations have impeded and destroyed the decision-making base of the private sector. The Government refuses to release the magic of tax incentives that would almost overnight start us on the road to industrial recovery. The Government refuses to create an environment that will once again encourage employers to hire people.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that the address be amended by the following words:

This House regrets to inform Your Excellency that the approximately 4.5 cent per gallon Canadian ownership charge imposed on heating fuels and gasoline sold at the pump that was established to finance the takeover of Petrofina Canada has been illegally extended by your Government for the unjustified