

We ask him that question again today. What reason is there to sit in the House of Commons when a government majority takes away from a minority, those who speak on behalf of the people of Canada, the right to bring accountability to the work of the Government? In a parliamentary system, whenever a Prime Minister has a majority, that Prime Minister, if he chooses, becomes an elected dictator. When a Government piles up, through mismanagement, the kind and number of Bills the Government has piled up on the legislative agenda because of mismanagement and incompetence, and chooses to cut off the right, indeed the responsibility and duty of the Opposition to bring accountability to the work of the Government, that Government becomes an elected dictatorship. That is what is happening.

That supposed kind of gesture seven years ago had the Hon. Member for Simcoe South in a proper snit, and today it turned him into—no, I cannot use the word. He has suffered enough so I will contain myself. At page 7193 of *Hansard* of February 12, 1981, he says:

I tell you, Mr. Speaker, we cannot be stopped with closure... But today hon. members opposite are sitting with a comfortable majority. I for one refuse to stand silent and see the rights of Parliament abused, frustrated and strangled. I believe in open covenants, and I believe they should be arrived at openly. We, as elected Members of Parliament, hold a public trust. That trust is being abused when a parliamentary majority seeks to withhold the rights of the opposition minority.

Those were the words of the Hon. Member for Simcoe South. When confronted with similar circumstances, he stood as a Member of Parliament, beholden to no one but his conscience to defend the rights of Parliament, and today he sits as a defeated man, a man who no longer believes in democracy. Shame!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): It being one o'clock I do now leave the chair until two o'clock.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

OPPOSITION TO ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, as time goes by the issue of nuclear submarines is becoming more and more controversial amongst Canadians for several reasons.

By purchasing nuclear submarines we would be breaking the spirit, if not the letter, of the Nuclear Weapons Non-proliferation Treaty which Canada promoted so well in past decades.

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Second, we can establish our presence and sovereignty with less expensive and more creative means than by introducing nuclear technology in our Armed Forces.

Third, there are other more urgent items which require federal dollars.

For instance, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities every year implores Ottawa for help in the construction of badly needed sewers for the protection of our water. Or take the need for a national high quality day care program, an urgent matter.

Surely the children of this nation, our future, should command the greatest attention in the spending priorities of any Government, even this hopeless Government. Sink the idea of nuclear submarines.

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UNIONVILLE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANIZERS

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, this past weekend my wife Sandy and I attended the nineteenth annual Unionville Village Festival along with 30,000 to 40,000 other people. It is a family oriented festival with events and fun for all.

Saturday's festival parade was a great success. On Sunday I entered the 5K run along with several hundred people of all ages and am pleased to say that I finished the run in a record time of 22 minutes and 19 seconds. Later in the morning we attended an inter-faith open air church service in Crosby Park which was sponsored by six local churches.

The festival not only increases the residents' pride in this century-old community, but increases everyone's commitment to work hard to preserve its uniqueness.

To organize such a successful event requires an army of enthusiastic volunteers. Cathy Escott, the chairperson, expressed her sincere thanks to all these volunteers, and special thanks to vice-chairman Rick Newell, and for the help of several past chairpersons such as Joan Homer, Bob McCullough, Fred Cox, Paul Heney, George Shepherd, and Glenn Crosby.

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ADVERTISING

DIET 7-UP CAMPAIGN—SEXIST STEREOTYPING

Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, a television advertisement for Diet 7-Up is currently receiving air time in Canada. The ad depicts two police officers, one male and one female. Having stopped a car for speeding, the