

*The Address—Mr. Whelan*

system in the United States. They were putting on this program. So, I said that the breakfast was lousy. It was a lousy breakfast. It consisted of poor coffee, an old sticky bun, but the orange juice was not so bad.

At that time we were talking about nutrition. Our medical scientists and our nutritional researchers tell us that the most important meal of the day is breakfast. It is the most nutritional meal, because that is when a person's blood sugar is down and he requires energy to work for the next four or five hours before he eats again. That is what we were talking about at that time, but it was never told. Then I find my fellow members in the House of Commons going to extremes and using this comment again out of context. I thought I should put that on the record.

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We presently have a program in co-operation with the Department of National Health and Welfare which indicates how people should eat properly and nutritiously. I think this is more constructive than making statements that tend to make diplomatic relations impossible, or break relations with the United States, as some people will try to make us believe.

Mr. Bergland, the Secretary of Agriculture in the United States, knows probably more about Canada and the Canadian Minister of Agriculture than did any other secretary of agriculture of that country because he lives just a few miles south of the Manitoba border. He has done his shopping in Winnipeg and has gone to that city for hockey entertainment. He has said that he has even listened to the national broadcasting system we have in Canada, so he probably knows quite a bit about Canada. I am not suggesting how factual that may be if he listens to that outfit, but some of it would be factual, especially if he listens to the farm programs about which he talks so admiringly.

We talked also about jobs. It has been said that I am not concerned about jobs, or that this government is not concerned about them. This government is concerned about jobs, and this is supported by some of the programs to which I referred. We have even changed some federal policies to entice industries into Canada rather than having them establish in the United States of America, in upper Michigan across the lake and across the river. These are things I feel very strongly about, and I have fought very hard in support of doing that kind of thing in order that we can compete on the same level as the United States, thereby enticing those industries to come to this country.

The NDP—boy! The leader of that party has a new adviser. I read his background, but I did not read that this new economic adviser had worked for a living doing manual labour. I never read of him risking his finger being cut or crushed in a factory, on an assembly line, or something like that, yet he seems to have all these answers, already. I find that difficult to understand. His leader said we were wrong in doing what we did for Ford. I can tell hon. members that union members in the city of Windsor, whether the employees work in auto plants, supply plants, construction or wherever, have never

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been happier in their lives than they are at the present time. Let that be a fact known to hon. members. We do care about the unemployed.

No country in the world has found as many new jobs as have this country and this government, the government for the people. Hon. members continually refer to the fact that we have so many unemployed. Sure, there is a lot of unemployment in Canada and we are not happy about that. However, I think we should be factual and state the honest to goodness truth about what is taking place. In the past seven years we have created more than 2.3 million new jobs in Canada. Some like to make that comparison with West Germany, that economic giant we hear a lot about. Hon. members talk about this great economic trading country with a balance of payments so good, but West Germany during that same period did not create one new job.

What did some of the countries in Europe do? I suggest they imported people from Yugoslavia and other countries, and when their economies worsened they sent them all back home. At one time there were over 600,000 people from other parts of the world working in West Germany, and Germany sent practically all of them back home overnight. Canada is more humane than that.

Our government and our Prime Minister are more humane. People try to talk about him not being humane when trying to put all these things before the public. Those of you who have ever done that know that is false. During an election campaign, when that wild man in Uganda was sending his people out, he announced that he was allowing several thousand of them to come to Canada, and we agreed. Was that inhumane and political? Perhaps it was not political enough. Maybe we should have stopped some of the small-minded people who think Canada belongs to just those of us who are fortunate enough to be here at the present time, allowing nobody else to come here. I do not take that stand, and I do not think anybody who is a real Canadian should take that stand either.

I am sorry the right hon. member for Prince Albert is not in the House. I wish he were here, as he is a great trial lawyer and I am a great admirer of his. On several occasions in this House he has tried to make a point about final payments under the Western Grain Stabilization Act. The farmers in Canada, particularly those in his part of the country, and in Alberta, know darn well that when you are talking about the final payment you mean the final and complete payment the farmers are going to get. They know this refers to the total payment.

If you go through *Hansard* on the days those attempts were made, and check everything that was put on the record, you will find the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta) making statements in recognition of what I am talking about, stating there is going to be so many more millions of dollars, and asking why we were not paying it immediately. The hon. member for Lisgar recognized what I was talking about, and I am sure the right hon. member for Prince Albert also knew full well what I referred to then.