

Opportunities for Youth Program

it was 9.45 in the morning. There is chaos at the Department of the Secretary of State. Nobody knows, nobody is able to give an answer.

And hon. members are afraid to give names, because nobody knows what is going on. How did the Secretary of State Department recently recommend grants of about \$100,000 to people who strive to destroy the country instead of building it?

Certain telecasts in Rouyn contain information and publicity of a most dubious character.

As to the project "Animation culturelle au nord-ouest québécois", bearing No. 265-4, \$3,629 has been allotted to it. Who is responsible for it? Claire Le Rouse, 139 Perreault Street, Rouyn. Still the same address.

Another project is entitled "Ateliers de créativité pour enfants". I do not know whether it is a workshop to create children or to allow children to create something, but it is project No. 265-12. Who is responsible? Madeleine Charlebois who gets a salary of \$6,500 and lives at 139 Perreault Street in Rouyn.

● (4:10 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker, I am not against the fact that large payments are made to help students. In fact, some worthwhile projects have been accepted. But they directly concern the students, not trouble makers who try to rouse children against their parents, workers against management, social classes against one another, as do Jean-Pierre Marquis, Jacques Spooner—and others of the same caliber.

Mr. Speaker, some of the projects submitted by students of Rouyn CEGEP and the University of Quebec are praiseworthy. "Campus de Rouyn" and "Campus du Nord-Ouest québécois" are examples of commendable projects.

Some \$8,250 will be spent on making an inventory of the natural resources of Duffault lake. The project is headed by Henri-Paul Marchand, of the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières. It is called "Campus du Nord-Ouest." That is commendable!

Another young people's group, the Association scientifique d'astronautique of the CEGEP in Rouyn, numbers 17 students! They are not spoil-sports or agitators but real students who need help during the summer months. That is the real purpose of the Opportunities for youth program, and not bribing, after having paid them, those who would destroy the country instead of building it, those you see on television who oppose the closing down of mines in the northwest, who try to stir people in an attempt to rouse them one against the other, saying the mines are closing down.

It is obvious that when you run out of ore, you close down. It is not the only region where plants are shut down. In fact, a textile factory is being closed down in the Montmagny constituency. It is not a mine, but production could go on in the textile field.

At Canadair 5,000 men were laid off not on account of a lack of materials for planes but because there are no contracts. As for us, in the northwest, even if we had

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more contracts for the extraction of gold or copper in the Noranda mine, it is impossible because there is none anymore.

Mr. Speaker, it is pitiful to see these people from the northwest always talking about the worst part of the situation while we do have huge possibilities. Some students this year will bring in reports and make suggestions for boosting the economy in northwestern Quebec. But they are not like Marquis and that organization of the Social Development Council, at 139 Perreault Street, in Rouyn.

Mr. Speaker, this is not all. The minister recently asked me in writing whether I would accept to present personally the cheques to those who made a request. I answered to the minister: Surely Sir. He wanted to give me an opportunity to meet my electors. It is precisely the gang that I can never meet when I am in my constituency. They run away. However, to obtain the cheque, they will have to come and see me, at least they will accept me. In this way, I will meet them face to face and I will repeat them exactly what I have just said. If not, they could read *Hansard* tomorrow because that will be recorded. They will know exactly what I think.

Mr. Speaker, I will go and give them their cheques—

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): Do not delay them too long.

Mr. Caouette: No. I shall invite the Postmaster General to come with me. It may be the only useful thing he will have accomplished in his life since he has been in politics.

An hon. Member: Send them by mail.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, when I hear the frog in a paddling-pool, I always have to answer when going to get it.

Once more, I am not only saying the Secretary of State is incompetent, I say he is not in his place, that he would resign and give his place to someone who would see at least what is happening in his department and ensure that we get answers.

I am an elected Member of Parliament, and not a highly paid civil servant. I am paid, but I am elected, which justifies my indemnity. I called a civil servant on the telephone, a Mr. Maquis. I left my telephone number for at least a week, in order that he might call me back. He never had the time to do it. I say so to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner). He runs away. The lady secretary, however, answers very nicely.

Last week, I had occasion to speak twice to Mr. Doyle, who was very polite and said he was prepared to help us but what prevents him from supplying me with a list of the people who are members of these organizations?

That is why I say that the Secretary of State Department is badly managed and that the Secretary of State should resign forthwith. I am not the only one to think