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he is dividing it between east and west, trying to make the west hate the east and the east hate the west. No wonder he grins when they talk about people in the west forming for separation, wanting a change. He is dividing this country.

You know, if just 14 members on that side of the House would wake up and join, and I do not care, the NDP or the PC Party, or get in a corner by themselves as independents, if they come over here that would rid him of his majority. Like Prime Minister Pearson said, a Prime Minister who has a majority in the House of Commons and wants to be a dictator, has the best chance in the world under the Canadian system. The Prime Minister has a majority in the House of Commons and he is getting his own way. Perhaps when he came back in as Prime Minister the Liberals all said, "We will do anything you tell us, Mr. Trudeau, if you will just come back and lead us. We do not have a leader; we do not have a leader."

It was all engineered by Mr. Trudeau in the first placedefeat the government so he could come back in as the leader. It is all working out fine. It was a very good plan, but he is not fooling the people of Canada, not fooling them at all. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) tonight told us about only a few people going across the line. He talked about more jobs. The member who just spoke from that side talked about more employment. Are we living in different countries? We have almost one million unemployed in this country. We have hundreds flocking to separation meetings in the west. Do you think those people are not mature? They are fed up with things. They even call their organization the "West-Fed".

We have been trying to talk sense into this government and to wake it up, but all its members do is smile. I think they are delighted because there is a possibility of separation in the west. Let me tell you something. There may be some people talking about separation, but it is going to take more than a dictator like Mr. Trudeau to drive me out of this country. I am a Canadian. I fought for this country as hundreds of people in the west did, and we are going to get a fair deal one way or the other. We are not going to be driven out by any dictator in this country.

When we talk about industries cutting back on capital, I wonder why the minister responsible for energy did not read some of the letters he has received. He read from newspaper clippings, but I know he has letters from a number of people who have told him they are cutting down their capital and their employment. They are gradually phasing out industry after industry. He did not read any of those letters. Let me refer to one sent to him just the other day. I happened to get a copy of it. Maybe it was a blind copy, I do not know, but it said that the writer, a Canadian company, an American affiliate, was going to establish a new factory in Grande Prairie to the extent of \$4.2 million but intended to cut that down. I sent the Prime Minister a copy of that letter. I did not think Mr. Lalonde would, so I did. That company is cutting its investment in half. There are 15 people out of work already. Next year if that company cannot get a better deal and it does

not make a profit, it will have to cut down again and again. This is happening with company after company.

What is the answer to all this? The government is asking what it can do. It thinks the only thing it can do to handle inflation is raise the interest rate. I want to tell you that there is a better way, a free enterprise way. If you increase production you will help solve the problem. What inflation is, is too many dollars chasing too few goods. All we hear is that all we can do is cut down and make money harder to get. Why do we not work from the other end? We should build up and increase our production. Let us get production up. Let us bring production and demand closer together. In this way we will cut down on inflation far faster than in any other way. That is the free enterprise way, not the way that is being followed by the present government.

Free enterprise is the answer to all these things. This government is not practising free enterprise. As Prime Minister Trudeau, said "Viva el Castro". Does that indicate free enterprise? I suggest it does not a bit.

Some of the principles of free enterprise would not allow \$6 billion going out of this country, would not allow people going to another country to invest their money, would not allow threats of nationalization. Money will not flow if the risk is higher than the reward. Free enterprise is built on competition.

The bloodstream of free enterprise is competition. You must have competition. Money will not flow when the risk is higher than the reward. There is nothing wrong with making a profit.

When you make a profit you have an incentive. That is how we got things going in Alberta under the free enterprise system. Now this government wants to take over that good thing. Why does it not encourage the same thing all across Canada—get free enterprise working? Hundreds and hundreds of shops should be established, each employing one, two, three or four people. We would then not have the situation we have in Canada today with more than one-half of all goods purchased in Canada processed in other countries. Let us get our own country working.

Second, we must increase our production if we want to lower inflation and if we want to increase wages. We have to increase production. Profit is the basis of capital investment which is needed to increase productivity. Profits are the basis, and this government should start to create a climate in which people can invest their money here instead of taking it out of the country. It should create a climate in which people can be free of capital gains taxes so that people can have some incentive to build, expand and enlarge their companies, and sell when they get too old to produce, so that younger men can.

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The country is ruled by the policies and by the budget of this government. If the government would enact free enterprise principles, it could save this country. I challenge 14 members of the Liberal party to walk to this side of the House. Let us all force the Prime Minister to go back to free enterprise principles and save this country from socialization.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!