

*Motion Respecting House Vote*

this government was as close as it should be to the Liberal party and Liberal party policy, my answer would have been yes. I do not deny that this government has introduced many good measures, but I put it to the treasury benches that the Liberal party is synonymous with reform. They mean one and exactly the same thing. Liberalism is reform. The question then is whether this has been a reform government. As I say, some of the measures that the government put forward were very good. But with respect to some measures in the Liberal policy platform that were put forward the kindest thing that could be said about them was that they were improperly put forward, badly administered, and the results were not what they should have been. As one example I mention the 10,000 scholarships which were part of the Liberal platform in the 1962 election campaign. That was a very simple program. That program could have been easily introduced but instead we got into a mixture of banking, scholarships and university subsidies. This has resulted in very bad administration of both the scholarship plan and the banking plan, so that today very few people can really take advantage of the program and some of those who do abuse it. As a result we have allowed university students to graduate with a \$5,000 debt which, with another \$5,000 debt by way of a dowry for their brides, makes a total of \$10,000 they have to pay to the banks at a time when their earnings are not the highest. Thus it is no wonder that United States companies find it possible to entice them to jobs with higher salaries in the United States. This is an example of a good idea lacking that bit of professionalism that would have made it workable.

The Canada Pension Plan is a good plan. It was agreed to by all. Nevertheless among the older people of this nation it is creating two classes, those who come under the plan and those who do not. They are about equal in numbers. Some are going to get an accelerated pension but others will not because they were too old to qualify when the plan started. I say it would not have been too difficult to devise a plan that would have covered everyone.

Then there is the medicare plan, another policy of the Liberal party, but for some reason those Liberals who so strongly supported the medicare plan are now against it. Daily I receive letters from well known Liberals, people who originally supported this plan and who are now wondering whether it is really a good thing.

[Mr. Otto.]

I know where the Liberal party stands on foreign ownership. The Liberal party has never been in doubt. The Liberal party is greatly concerned about the fact that some 67 per cent of our industrial destiny is in the hands of people who are not Canadians. It is also concerned about the more than a billion dollars worth of equity, profits and dividends leaving this country. It is concerned because this money could be devoted to new capital investment. But what are we going to do with the proposed Canada development corporation? What has happened to it? It is not enough, so far as Liberals are concerned, merely to re-establish the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Gordon), who first proposed the Canada development corporation, as a member of the cabinet.

Labour relations have always been one of the main features of Liberalism. Most members of the Liberal party are concerned that now should be the time to introduce great reforms that would put an end to work stoppages merely because of labour disputes. Some time ago the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis) spoke in Montreal and said that labour relations were a matter of great concern. He said that surely the government should tackle this problem to see if some solution could be reached by which production would continue so that our gross national product would increase and we could afford all the social measures that we have introduced. Imagine my surprise when I read reports to the effect that when one of the present ministers indicated he fully supported the principle of fiscal responsibility the government looked with great awe upon his statement and told him, "Now, be careful; you have said something that is not quite in keeping with our Liberal policy." Yet fiscal responsibility has always been part of the Liberal party platform.

With respect to financial reforms I do not say that all the recommendations of the Carter commission should be adopted but I do say that a great many Liberals feel it is time for reforms to the whole tax structure. But what have we done?

Housing is a classic example. It has always been one of the main features of Liberalism that the party sincerely believed every Canadian should be entitled to purchase a home of his own. I need not go further and tell you what has happened to our housing policy, if we have a housing policy. But I question whether it was really a Liberal minister who said in public that Canadians have to get accustomed to the idea of living in apartment