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in the Sudbury area. They cannot understand the continuing increase in prices and incomes, or disparities in earnings across the country which show a tradesman receiving \$1.75 per hour in one region and \$4.50 an hour in another region for the same amount of work. They want to know why there is a difference of 50 per cent in earnings for the same work in two industries in the same city, why students are refused jobs because they are not union members and yet are refused membership in the unions. This happens not only to students but people in the workforce as well.

Students ask me why they must pay income tax on their small incomes in view of the high cost of education at university, and why education costs are not deductible expenses for their parents. I certainly hope the white paper of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) will indicate some relief in this area will be given.

Our young people are concerned with our sovereignty in our northern waters. Their sense of pride in Canada and in belonging to this land is much deeper than ours and more significant to them. They have left in the past the prejudices and hatreds of long standing. Their minds are kept open to justice and fair play and their hearts to tolerance and understanding. As a result deep feelings of frustration for Viet Nam and Biafra are aroused in them,—yes, for their Quebec compatriots, too. And how about giving our surplus wheat to the hungry nations, they say.

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Our students are concerned for their education, its quality and its purpose. They, more than others, realize the continuing waste of time, energy and talents through years of a learning process which lacks so much in purpose and effectiveness. Educational systems, like governments, seem always to be years behind the people they serve, years behind necessary accomplishments, and this, in spite of the great progress we have made, and in spite of the technological developments. We possess the necessary technicians and equipment, but lack a clear understanding of the basic principles and purposes. How many young people are technically competent and yet completely disoriented and ill-equipped to absorb the emotional shocks and moral challenges which everyday life brings.

Our young people ask me about marijuana laws, liquor laws and sex laws. To the older generation, these are the defending bastions of our moral standards; to our youth they are the hypocritical licences of permissiveness for

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the older generation. We must have failed terribly, Mr. Speaker, in offering our youth so few worthwhile challenges that many have seen fit to turn to drugs, violence, revolution and anarchy for substitutes.

More generally and fundamentally, they want to know where they fit into our society and, if they do fit in, why it is they cannot participate in the establishment of values, in the decisions concerning society and themselves. Surely, we must have the open minds and the flexibility to allow such a large segment of our citizens to participate in the determination of the concepts and structure of our society and all its segments, especially those that concern the young people themselves and their future.

From fear of being misunderstood, Mr. Speaker, let me say I am perfectly aware that what I am doing is simply repeating the identification of problems by our young people. Solutions are much more difficult to find. Nevertheless, I think these problems are doubtly important because our young people are aware of them and deeply concerned and troubled by them. If we are to move in the right direction, develop the proper principles and concept for the just and desired society, legislate the correct laws, implement these laws in the proper fashion, then of course we must look to our young people and listen to their pleas. We must develop some understanding, for it is their future and their legacy we are building.

While our young people are of paramount importance, Mr. Speaker, this is not to be taken as diminishing the importance of all our other citizens. Their problems are in good measure those of all Canadian regions; inflation, many people on fixed incomes, high cost of living and housing, inadequate social security, programs for the needy, the lack of understanding and humanity in so many of our public service departments.

Our pulp and paper industry in the Iroquois Falls-Ansonville area is a prosperous one. Until the Texas Gulf base metal discovery in 1963, gold mining was the most prominent industry in the area. This industry as you are no doubt aware, Mr. Speaker, is a depressed and diminishing one, and indeed exists only because of emergency gold mining assistance provided by the federal government. Gold mines would have to close their doors if this assistance were not available. The irony of this situation is that the industry