

*The Address—Mr. Jones*

It is my sincere belief that if Canada and Canadians are to be truly bilingual and if we believe in equal rights and opportunities for all, then all youngsters in this country must be educated together. If this country is to be truly bilingual, it is time both English and French were taught in our public schools on an integrated basis. This is not the first time I have said that.

Let all our children be educated together. Let them learn together, play together and work together. Then they will get along together. Then and only then will our children become true Canadians. If the consent of the provincial premiers is required, or if it should be necessary to amend the BNA Act in order to bring this into effect, then a serious attempt to do so must be started forthwith.

I am sometimes confused when people bring up the word culture when referring to language. The word culture is a misnomer in this regard. I think when I was at college we called it a red herring. What is culture? I do not think we can honestly look for a French-Canadian culture, an English-Canadian culture, a Scottish-Canadian culture, a Ukrainian-Canadian culture, a German-Canadian culture, a Welsh-Canadian culture, an Italian-Canadian culture, a Japanese-Canadian culture, a Chinese-Canadian culture, an Indian-Canadian culture or any other kind of hyphenated Canadian culture other than a true Canadian culture. If we think otherwise, we build a false culture, not a truly Canadian culture. Culture is what a person or one's family or friends want to make it.

We should face the facts. Barriers are a problem in Canada. So often I have found young people unable to obtain employment in their chosen field for which they are duly qualified, both in government circles and in private business, because they are not bilingual. The ground rules are being changed and altered. Many of our young people have not been given the opportunity to comply with the rules.

The barriers are set up at a young age. I do not believe this is a proper and honourable manner for a government of any kind to face this problem. This is a case of government leading the way but putting the cart before the horse. This would seem to be a habit of this government. Sure; change the ground rules if need be, but make a proper and fair preparation for such changes.

Bill 22, recently enacted by the legislature of Quebec, will not promote unity or harmony. It is unconstitutional and will result in injustices and inequities for Quebecers and other Canadians. The onus then is on the federal government to put a halt immediately to this matter by disallowance and/or referral to the Supreme Court of Canada immediately for an order restraining implementation of the act. Bill 22 conflicts with Canada's Official Languages Act and the New Brunswick Official Languages Act because it provides for only one official language in the province of Quebec.

I trust that this Parliament will not be a crisis Parliament but one which will take steps to remedy situations long before they become crises. This country desperately needs economic stability. This country desperately needs moral stability and political stability. Many problems from which we suffer as a nation and as a world, today are the result of an affluent, permissive, socialistic, political

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environment not really disciplined but poorly managed and operated in a carefree, nonchalant, reckless and negligent manner. It is true that as a nation and a people we must put our house in order. It is true the government and this House must address themselves to the very serious and difficult situations facing individual Canadians and families.

As a veteran I urge the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald) to review immediately the requirements for entitlement to VLA benefits with a view to elimination of the present lot size requirement and the substitution of duly approved municipal lots. This must be done forthwith to enable our veterans who have not been able to benefit from the existing plan to obtain the advantage of the provisions before termination in 1975.

I would also suggest that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Andras) take immediate steps to review the Unemployment Insurance Act and regulations to reduce the effect which the present system is having on business. Likewise there should be more consideration between Canada Manpower offices and unemployment insurance offices in helping people obtain positions when unemployment strikes. It might be revealing to know what percentage of persons actually are employed through Canada Manpower and what percentage of employers use this service.

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I trust that the government will take a hard look at all forms of social security such as old age pensions, workmen's compensation, Canada Pension, welfare, social assistance, disability pensions, pensions for the blind, and so on, so that a comprehensive and co-ordinated policy is followed, a sensible and reasonable policy, not a complex sea of confusion.

As a new member of this House I listened intently to the Speech from the Throne in the hope that the government would finally give us an indication that immediate steps will be taken to alleviate our number one enemy, namely, inflation, and all the chaotic problems that arise from it. Quite frankly, there are some items in the throne speech which may be received well and may find acceptance among the people, but this will depend on the legislation, the regulations, and the method of their implementation.

The throne speech is a monstrosity of verbosity, honeyed up with beautiful phrases but with no details as to the quality and quantity of honey. The purpose of government is to provide service efficiently and to avoid waste and duplication. Programs devised by governments and by this House must be devised with this aim in mind. This House and the government must foster traditions of industry, initiative, loyalty, patriotism, enthusiasm, unity not separatism, industry, and so on.

Inflation can be beaten but it will take the wholehearted support and determination of this House, the federal government, the provincial and municipal governments, along with management and labour and all the sectors of our society to battle this disease. It has reached epidemic proportions—maybe some of us do not realize this as yet—and we cannot delay. Some of you may not be feeling the effects of it, but I suggest to you that the standard of living of many Canadians is poor. Regional disparity,