

*The Address—Mr. Reilly*

noon when they stood in opposition to immediate relief for the old people of Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Reilly:** It is a sad thing to see men and women who stood courageously, to their everlasting credit, against the repression and suspension of civil liberties imposed by this government in October, 1970—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Marchand:** Is that what you stand for over there?

**Mr. Reilly:** It is a shame to see people like that turn their coats and support a government whose members, on their record, do not deserve to shine shoes of men such as the hon. members for York South (Mr. Lewis) and Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles)—and I regret that.

Ironically, Mr. Speaker, it was an NDP spokesman who predicted that Messrs. Trudeau, Marchand and Pelletier would soon become the three most disillusioned men in Ottawa when they took Liberal orders in Ottawa some years ago. I suggest to the NDP that they will soon experience within their own ranks disillusionment on a scale so grand as to rival that of the disappointed and defeated Liberal candidates scattered from coast to coast. At least, disillusion is rampant among those who have not been smuggled up to the public trough to assuage their election wounds.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Reilly:** Mr. Speaker, are they barking over there because it is time for a herring? I and the members of my party are not interested in any further condition of psychopathology of a political party that has been overtaken by inertia. I am not interested in delving any further into the impediments that hobble the development of my country. What I am interested in seeing, and what my constituents and my colleagues want to see, is a Canada in which it is possible for people to lead happy and productive lives.

**An hon. Member:** That is what we have now.

**Mr. Reilly:** Mr. Speaker, I hope I will be given extra time in view of all these interruptions. I want to see a country in which it is possible for all people to lead happy and productive lives, to find work, to live in dignity and to raise their children in decent surroundings. I want to see a country in which freedom of movement and expression are guaranteed rights, a country in which young people can plan for the future and in which old people can rest in serenity, free from material want. We want to see a united country, one in which all parts of society are treated with concern for their legitimate aspirations.

This kind of Canada is really now within our reach. But we will not achieve it by the kind of performance that we witnessed here yesterday. We will never achieve it by name-calling or by appeals to the uglier side of human nature. We have been invited, along with the new gaggle of Liberal backbenchers that sprung up, as it were, like mushrooms in the nether-most corner of the House, to co-operate in producing some legislation in this parlia-

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ment. I suppose it is possible. But we will only achieve it if we face the facts, when we become honest with each other and, more importantly, with the people of Canada, when we cannot only identify our problems but can pursue solutions without bitterness or rancour. If we can accomplish this kind of rapport, this parliament could be one of the most productive in history. Despite the remarks of the minister, which I may not accept but which I will note, I still hope that is possible.

**Mr. Ed Nelson (Burnaby-Seymour):** Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to this assembly so early in the session. As a new Member of Parliament and being new to active politics, I am honoured to represent the people of Burnaby-Seymour, and particularly honoured to have been the one to regain for the New Democratic Party this seat. There is now unanimous representation in the riding, comprised of four New Democratic MLA's and one New Democratic Member of Parliament.

As a new Member of Parliament it will be difficult for me to follow the variety show that we have experienced tonight, robust humour and bitter acrimony, with the humility, modesty and gentle good nature that characterizes my own nature, but I will attempt to do so.

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I would be remiss, Mr. Speaker, if I did not join previous speakers in complimenting you on your appointment and on your conduct of our proceedings. In the words of Oliver Goldsmith—

And still they gazed and still the wonder grew  
That one small head could carry all he knew

It is a source of great satisfaction to me to note that it was we few, we happy, happy few, we 31 New Democrats, through our esteemed leader, my hon. friend from York South (Mr. Lewis), who spoke first and most unequivocally of the revulsion felt throughout the world at the recent bombing in Viet Nam by United States aircraft. It was most fitting that parliament not be allowed to proceed with its regular business until the feelings of the Canadian people respecting the ruthless slaughter of innocent people were conveyed in no uncertain terms not only to the United States government but to the entire world. I compliment the government on the swiftness of its reply in the form of the resolution presented by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

A European writer, Malinowski, wrote this:

I once spoke to an old cannibal who, having heard of the great war raging then in Europe, was most curious to know how Europeans managed to eat such enormous quantities of human flesh. When I told him that Europeans do not eat their slain foes, he looked at me in shocked horror and asked what sort of barbarians we were, to kill without any real object.

The old man was right. In these days of modern warfare, the indiscriminate slaughter of innocent people is worse than cannibalism. It was particularly gratifying to me that the motion was supported so eloquently by another new member from the second largest group in the House. On one point, though, I would take exception to the remarks of the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr.