

*Interim Supply*

the whole debate on interim supply has not been concentrated on the unification question.

During the debate on interim supply, a considerable amount of time was spent on the northern Ontario pipe line situation. There was a good deal of comment on that particular situation. This further points out the hon. member's ignorance. On this side of the house speeches were made in respect of the winter works program, and in respect of the answer given by the Prime Minister with which I will deal shortly. There was a speech on insecticides and there was a speech on the dairy industry in this country. So, the hon. member who says that for the last ten or 11 days we have been discussing only the matter of unification is completely unaware of what has been going on; but he is not alone in this. Many members on that side of the house do not know what has been going on.

The hon. member endeavoured to leave the impression with us that he had done much in the way of research in respect of the unification program. He went back six years and quoted General Foulkes in this regard. If he was doing any research in respect of General Foulkes' thoughts on this matter, there was no reason to go back six years. He could have gone back to October, 1966. I have here a clipping which states:

Foulkes asks Hellyer what on earth he's doing.

This is the gentleman the hon. member for Verdun was quoting last night. Here is another statement:

The only other record of wholesale changes in the military occurred in the Hitler regime. He dismissed every general who dared to tell him what he should know and not what he liked to hear.

This was October 11, 1966, and the quotation is from the same gentleman the hon. member referred to as an authority. He should bring himself up to date; the Liberal party should bring itself up to date, and the cabinet, especially the Minister of National Defence, should be brought up to date. The minister said that I was trying to blacken his character. This is the minister who has tampered, censored, and interfered with the evidence that was brought before the committee by Admiral Landymore. Why should we believe anything this minister has had to say in respect of other witnesses and what may have happened to their evidence? Was he tampering with their evidence; did he censor their evidence? This is the reason that today we cannot believe anything this Minister of National Defence says concerning the defence committee.

Yet the Liberals have since decided to back the Minister of National Defence rather than the Prime Minister on this matter. They are, however, very slow in rising to his defence in this house. What about the general attitude of this Liberal government? I say to the hon. members opposite, and especially the hon. member for Verdun, that if they think there is any weakening of the principle, so far as I am concerned they are wrong. I am fully prepared to go along with the blackmail attempt of the Liberal house leader when he said we would sit 24 hours. I promise it will take only myself and a couple of others to continue this debate and maintain a quorum with 19 members on the other side. I, for one, am ready to do it. Since I come from a mining industry, I have had a good deal of experience in working the "back" shift. I can carry on with any 19 members who have the guts to stay up all night with me. Of course, the hon. member for Verdun is not here, but no doubt he will come along later and try to snowball the whole matter again.

I notice that at least the Minister of Agriculture seems to be listening. I should like to bring up a matter which has been dealt with by the Prime Minister. This has to do with a question raised by my colleague the hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria concerning the coal industry. Every person in that area who is concerned is begging the government to follow through with the program initiated by the government under John Diefenbaker. They want this program to be kept going. We give this government credit for continuing it up until this year. Why delay it this year? What is wrong with the government? The Prime Minister said that there had been a meeting on this matter, and that a decision might be brought down at the end of the week. The hon. member for Cape Breton North and Victoria, who is very concerned about the situation in his constituency, does not wish to aggravate the situation; but why does the Prime Minister not bring out the facts in this matter.

Very recently a guarantee was given in this house by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and the Minister of Labour to the effect that there would be absolutely no change in the winter works program, other than the \$500 for winter built homes. If there is no change, why is this government delaying the winter works program? The Prime Minister, in answer to a question in respect of the winter works program in the constituency of