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system of communications. When this infrastructure starts to weaken, this solid base, individuals panic or despair. They look elsewhere for other occupations or they leave for other countries. They leave the industry. This creates still further panic. It has a terrible domino effect. One job loss creates the next job loss. Worse yet, the damage is not only to the present generation, but it menaces the future. Young people who are considering a career in communications and culture look at what this Government is doing and witness the trembling of this infrastructure. They consider either going to some other country or not developing their talents at all. We saw this phenomenon take place once before when the Tories pulled the plug on the Avro Arrow airplane. It also was billed as an economy measure.

Yes, many interesting things are done in the name of economy. That was billed as an economy measure. Not only were thousands of Canadians thrown out of work then, but those people went to the United States or to Great Britain. A large proportion ended up in the American space industry and were part of one of the basic groups that formed NASA, all because we economized on the Avro Arrow rather than developing our own aeronautical industry. You need to have foresight Mr. Speaker, to be able to see that an industry has value. You need to have foresight, and rather than cutting back on it, you should increase it. You should put more into it because it has a future.

There cannot be many Members of Parliament in this House, Conservatives, Liberal or NDP, especially those from the larger population centres, who have not had letters and phone calls in their offices from people concerned about their future. A young woman expressed doubt in a phone call to our office about carrying on in the field of music because she depends on part-time work to help her while she studies and further develops her musical talent. Another one doubts whether she can stay in Canada and study here because if she starts out in Baltimore or Los Angeles she can grow up in the industry and be where the jobs are. A middle-aged couple are worried because if they encourage their children to pursue their artistic talents here, it will mean the certain loss of their children to the United States.

Those cuts are not measures that affect some closed system of bureaucracy; those cuts are measures that have a domino effect that hit jobs in a very labour-intensive industry, shearing away the infrastructure of that industry. This destroys morale, causes hurt, creates confusion, doubt, and pessimism, and discourages the development of talent.

You cannot underestimate that, Mr. Speaker. While it is not something tangible and able to be measured, it is a very real factor regarding the future. This is a time when in certain sectors, especially entertainment, information, and the media, we should be going forward, expanding and believing in the future. We should be investing also in research and development in the technical end of the communications industry. Hand in hand with that our entertainment industry should grow. We will then have not only a domestic market, but also external markets. We should think of our great Canadian

artists, our bands, our orchestras, our painters, our television productions and our ballets. Canadians have excelled in many fields. We are proud of them. However, while we say we are proud of them, we allow the Government to cut back on the very forces which gave life to those institutions.

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Tory times are times when we see regression. They are not times of venture or adventure. They do not have the minds of venture capitalists. They always want to shrink everything down to the size of their vision and mentality. It is regression, withdrawal and pessimism. Those are Tory times. As we lost the aeronautical and the space industries, we are now to lose the communications industry.

As I said in my speech in the House on February 1, 1985, the greatest danger of this Tory policy on communications is the loss of our identity, the loss of our soul. Three-quarters—and in large metropolitan areas it is as high as four-fifths—of our television time is taken up by American programming. The protection of FIRA is being ripped away by Bill C-15. The Americans will be able to invade not only our airwaves but will be able to take over many of our companies dealing in communications and culture. At a time when our identity as Canadians is most threatened, we should spend more money, not less.

It appears that the Tories have mesmerized many people with the seductive appeal that to obtain more jobs we should sell out, attract more American investment and more multinationals to Canada. They tell us that we should be more patient and quieter with the Americans about our ecology, our environment and our foreign policy, that today it is "in" to favour being part of the great American continent and enjoying the fruits of American continentalism. That is Tory policy.

As I said at the outset, a great deal is at stake. Down through the years, until now, Canadians of all Parties agreed that it would cost a premium for Canada to remain a sovereign nation. In the past there was always a temptation to sell out to the colossus to the south. However, we know that our history has been one of resistance to that seductive, simplistic solution. I believe Canadians are prepared to pay an additional \$10 or even \$20 each per year to invest in our culture and our communications once they understand what is at stake. When they understand what is at stake, they will be prepared to pay far more per person to stop the Tory policy of cuts to that basic industry. Canadians will believe that it is worth paying the extra price, a premium, to remain independent and free.

Mr. Boyer: Mr. Speaker, does the Hon. Member for Eglington-Lawrence (Mr. de Corneille) realize that he just advocated an additional tax of \$500 million? Does he really think that Canadian citizens are ready, willing and able to pay that?

Mr. de Corneille: Mr. Speaker, I was actually being facetious, in a way, in pointing out that the average Canadian, for the paltry few dollars required to make up the \$80 million which was cut,—and it would really mean about \$4 per Canadian—would rather have that than the kind of Tory