

the antics of Ottawa. They know that average Canadian incomes have increased 142 per cent since 1968 and they like that. However, at the same time consumer prices have gone up 85 per cent, and most shocking of all, consumer taxes have increased 239 per cent, almost double the increase in incomes. That money has supported the financial atrocities of CIDA, payoffs to middlemen who sell our nuclear reactors, keeping our public service the best paid in the world, the construction of office towers in Hull so that the ones in Ottawa can remain half empty, and the relocation of federal office buildings in Liberal ridings. Of course, I do not have to mention the disgrace of the division of Canada Works funding. In my constituency we are talking in terms of \$100,000, a constituency with many times the population of that of the Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) (Mrs. Campagnolo), which receives \$4 million compared to \$100,000.

Mr. McKinley: That is Liberal justice.

Mr. Wenman: That is typical. That is the just society which the Prime Minister has been talking about for so many years. That is the kind of giveaway, the kind of handout, we have seen. As I said earlier, the kind of handout that the people of Canada want is the government's hand out of their pockets.

Back in the 1960's the powers-that-be took hold of the belief that some kind of federal budgetary program or federal regulatory agency could be designed to deal with almost any problem that faced Canada. We had the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Assistance Plan, the guaranteed income supplement, medicare, the unemployment insurance program which was made the world's most generous. Family allowances were tripled and then indexed; post-secondary education grants were quadrupled. Every aspect of Canadian life has now been infringed upon and infiltrated. A federal regulatory agency is sticking its nose into everybody's business in Canada, to the point where our individual freedom is being eroded.

Mr. Hargrave: "Big Brother".

Mr. Wenman: "Big Brother", that is the same one. Some functions of the agencies could be justified on economic grounds, but in large measure the notorious "Big Brother" principle still supports their existence. The policies of successive Liberal governments have led to a general malaise which everyone in this country perceives. Everyone knows there is something wrong; everyone has that feeling.

The Prime Minister said yesterday, as reported at page 35 of *Hansard*:

This discontent in such a wealthy country must find its causes in the human spirit, and it is there also that the unity of the nation must be found.

Flowery words, good words, true words. I say to you, Mr. Speaker, that the Prime Minister has once again enunciated the problem and even the solution; but the solution will continue to evade him and he will never be able to accomplish or move the nation closer to this type of unity until he is able to remove the discontent from his own human spirit. The nation senses that his human spirit has yet to find the unity that flows from inner peace. The human spirit of our Prime

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Minister is in a turmoil that is reflective of the world around him. He is weak. Unfortunately, he knows not where he leads himself, and is therefore not fit to lead this nation at this time in his life. What a classic tragedy for the man. What a classic tragedy for this nation of Canada. Anger, bitterness, hatred, greed, idleness, fear, distrust, dishonesty—these are the elements of discontent. Love, joy, peace, compassion, wisdom, kindness, goodness, faith and hope, giving, sharing, working, laughing, loving—these are the replacement values so lacking in the human spirit not only of our Prime Minister and our nation but in fact of the world. The ebb tide has swept our Prime Minister far out into the sea and the nation waits in turmoil and confusion looking to the flow of a new tide. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) speaks of a new vision, of a place to build and to grow. He has yet to be tested with the exercise and weight of power, but Canadians are beginning to sense in him a new growth and strength of human spirit.

The Prime Minister was right. It is in this depth of human spirit that the unity of this nation must and will be found. Canadians are beginning to focus upon a new era. Canadians across the country are angry and frustrated, and that anger and frustration are beginning to recognize the urgency, the necessity, of changing the government of Canada, a change that will see a redefining, a classification, a grasping and a reaching for new and renewed values. Through these values a new trust of confidence can establish a new pattern of growth and building that will once again rekindle the spirit of Canada.

In his remarks yesterday the Prime Minister said that the federal government will introduce its own legislation to permit and control national referendums. Obviously, he is planning, as he said today, to hold his own national unity referendum. In February of this year I placed a motion on the order paper. It declared:

That in the opinion of this House, the government should consider the advisability of holding a national referendum on the issue of separatism in order that Canadians may be given the opportunity to reaffirm their faith in national unity.

If the Prime Minister had taken some action on my motion in February, much of the uncertainty which pervades the country today and the resulting hardship stimulated by the PQ victory would never have had a chance to build up to the level it has. It is a hallmark of this administration that it continually acts too little and too late. Because the Speech from the Throne was empty of mention of Canada's role of international affairs, I would like to turn to one of the most important issues facing the world today.

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The situation in the Middle East is so difficult, so complex and so volatile, that it has erupted in serious wars twice within the decade, and a lasting solution continues to elude the whole world of diplomacy.

It is not within our ability to settle their war and the actual conditions and details of a peace settlement between Israel and the Arab states must be left in the hands of the parties themselves. At the same time, we must recognize ourselves to be part of the global family which suffers so long as there are