

again? Why, following their 1960 legislation, does this crisis recur today whereas according to what they said then, everything was definitively under control and the Conservatives boasted of having settled the railway dispute in Canada?

Mr. Speaker, the labour problem has never been settled by strikes. This does not mean that we do not want better working condition for the workers. We know and realize that, in many cases, the workers do not receive the treatment they deserve.

For example, there are the raises demanded in certain fields or sectors of the economy which may be compared to the starvation wages paid by Ayers to its Lachute workers.

Mr. Speaker, while others help to raise prices in Canada, what about the situation of workers such as those in Lachute who have large families and earn at the most \$40 a week?

How can those people live in Canada now? And if those people and those families, Mr. Speaker, find it difficult to make a living in Canada, is it because Canada is not able to produce more than enough goods and services? Is it because Canada lacks natural resources? Is it because Canada lacks intelligent and brave people?

Mr. Speaker, it is the system that is a fault. It is the system which produces strikes. It is the system which is responsible for inflation; and yet the government does not lift a finger to control that system and make it serve those who are ready and willing to develop all the potential in Canada.

These, Mr. Speaker, are the wrongs of the system. And that is why my statement continued.

The workers themselves are victims of the strikes.

The workers suffer from the strikes. Not only the railway workers now on strike, but many others. The discharge or lay-off of 2,000 miners in Sudbury because the trains are no longer running is a result of this strike. Other workers pay for the strike. The farmers left with their wheat harvest in the west, who cannot ship it: again, workers struggling against the system, results of the railway strike.

We federal members are not deprived of our income and our standard of living does not suffer from these strikes. Neither are the income and the standard of living of labour leaders affected by the strikes. It is the workers themselves who suffer, along with their wives and their children all across Canada. It

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is they who pay for the strikes. Financiers are not affected by strikes.

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When chartered banks are allowed to raise their rates of interest purely on account of the creation of credit, this is legalization of monumental theft in Canada. Those people, the financiers, do not pay for strikes: Proof of this is provided by the fact that the government is getting ready, by means of another bill, to make us accept a raise in the rates of goods shipped by rail which will cause price increases. And do you believe price increases affect financiers?

When prices go up in industry, and industry rakes in 20 per cent, or 10 or 12 per cent in profits, Mr. Speaker, these profits come from price increases just as before. That means the big ones grow, in smaller numbers and small ones get smaller in larger numbers.

This is the financial system in which we live. And the government is not aware of this yet; nor are the labour leaders. They keep fighting with each other. I ask you, is one union better than the other?

I will undoubtedly be accused of being against trade unions and of being a lot of other things, after this speech.

Mr. Speaker, I admit officially that without the trade unions, workers would not be treated as they are today. I admit that unions have rendered immense services to all sectors of our national economy. I admit this has been the case from the standpoint of economy, politics and society. However, labour leaders have lost their heads, they are running around in circles much as a dog runs after its tail. Whenever someone cannot solve his problem he runs around insulting everyone, having no solution to offer. Even while we are debating Bill No. C-230, labour leaders have said this morning that if this bill is passed by the House of Commons of Canada, workers still will not go back to work. The labour leaders have said this; responsible people, people who think they are very important and who think they can make anyone do their bidding through intimidation. Mr. Speaker, no labour leader can make me toe the line by force; I am ready to hold a dialogue with him, though.

My statement to the newspapers went on in these terms:

It is my opinion that certain labour leaders must be brought back to reason, because their sole aim is to sow hatred and general confusion.