

this situation involving thousands of people who live in the area north of Guelph and who, after October 31, will be entirely without passenger service as a result of the decision of the body that dictates to the railways. That decision was made notwithstanding the testimony given by every citizen who appeared at the hearings and who gave substantial reasons as to why the trains should continue in operation.

Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) saw fit to ask one of my friends, the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Douglas) to second the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. The hon. member's constituency adjoins mine in Saskatchewan. We both represent people who are great Canadians. I am sure, although our political philosophies may differ, that we agree on this point. I am also pleased that the Prime Minister saw fit to ask the hon. member for Bourassa (Mr. Trudel) to move the motion for the Address in Reply. He and I went on a "voyage of discovery" this past summer to the nations of central and eastern Africa on behalf of the Canadian Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. I heartily concur in the remarks of an hon. member who said a short while ago that the hon. member for Bourassa is a great credit to this House.

Many of us attended the memorial services held yesterday in connection with the funeral of the late Pierre Laporte. Many went to Montreal to attend the service. I admire Mrs. Laporte's decision to have a quiet, simple funeral in an attempt to avoid making national figures out of murderers. Our heartfelt feelings go out to Mrs. Laporte and her family, and to the late Mr. Laporte's immediate family and relatives. All of Canada will have watched on television the coverage of the services, and all areas of Canada will react in different ways to what they saw. I only hope that overreaction will not be the situation.

• (5:10 p.m.)

I can only say to those unfortunate, opportunist souls, the hon. member for Timmins (Mr. Roy) and the member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Serré), who criticized our stand on the War Measures Act, that they would be well advised to spend as much time recognizing the rights of innocent people who have, no doubt, or will be questioned and detained under the regulations of the War Measures Act. I stand in my place in this House of Commons proud of the fact that I voted as I did.

I condemn the terrorists and murderers who have inflicted death and horror on one province of Canada. However, the imposition of the War Measures Act will do more harm to Canadian unity than anything that possibly could have been done by those people deliberately dedicated to the destruction of Canadian unity. The people of Quebec, and indeed of all Canada, are divided by the implementation of this act. People across this nation are supporting the Prime Minister for reasons other than those he wishes to believe.

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This past summer we visited some nations in Africa. At that time we met some of the liberation movements and freedom fighters of those nations. In particular situations, revolution by force is the only way. That statement applies particularly to those nations which do not have the ballot-box at their discretion. That is the situation in South Africa. I support the position of those people using a type of force. But in Canada, where revolution by the ballot-box is possible, we do not need revolution by force. I am sure everyone agrees that changes are necessary, but these must be brought about by use of the ballot-box. We were fortunate to obtain copies of a book written by the President of Tanzania, Mr. Nuyere. The book is entitled, "Ujaama"; in other words, "familyhood". In that book he refers to the obligations of his country, one of which is to give the individual the right to job opportunity. In exchange for job opportunity the individual must be prepared to work.

We would not be faced with the problems we have today if every Canadian had the right to job opportunity. It is only through job opportunity that we can suppress what is happening today. I sincerely urge members of all parties to bring this fact to the attention of every authority, whether local government authority or otherwise. I hope no member of this House will support the law of the jungle philosophy which was also referred to a moment ago by an hon. member. In a democratic society we have recognized authorities vested with law and order. These authorities must ensure that innocent people are not subjected to terrorist acts. We know what happened in the rise and fall of the Third Reich in Germany. We do not want the same to happen in Canada. Suppression of civil liberties is taking a chance on the road to democratic society. We must ensure that the civil rights and liberties of individuals are not suppressed.

The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Greene) addressed the House a short while ago. The lights did not flicker in this chamber because of his speech; it was not that earth-shattering. Before I came to this House I was told that the minister would provide some humorous speeches. I have not been disappointed in that regard. The minister stated that the government did not subscribe to taking short-term political advantage. Not too long ago the minister made a speech in Denver, Colorado. Since that time he has been trying to apologize for what he said to his corporate friends. A good deal of his speech today was devoted to the philosophy of our party. He must be bankrupt of ideas if he has to spend so much time defending something he was not able to put before us.

The minister suggested that a positive nationalism is being created across Canada and it is no pale image. I wish I could subscribe to his philosophy. Unfortunately, outside of the speech he made in Denver he has not said very much with regard to positive nationalism. I suggest it is short-term political advantage he is concerned with at this time.

I now wish to deal briefly with the agricultural economy of Canada. It has been said in this House, and bears