

There are four very important points in this project. I wish to deal with the last point, stability. There is a great deal of instability. I have indicated how a nuclear war could start, partly because of the weaponry. The Prime Minister is very concerned that stability be maintained and increased. We must stop building such destabilizing weapons as the Cruise missile, for example. We must do something about the very serious situation involving destabilizing weapons such as the Pershing 2 and the MX. We should attempt to stop the development of these things and we are very conscious that we must move into a new phase in this matter in order for the world to become a much more stable place to live.

● (1125)

We cannot get rid of nuclear weapons immediately. We can put a freeze on them, but in one way or another we must do something about those elements which are far more destabilizing than others and those are some of the things that the Prime Minister has been talking about.

I believe there is now a period of time allowed for questions.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Are there any Hon. Members rising to ask questions of the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Atikokan (Mr. McRae)? If there are none, the Chair will recognize the Hon. Member for Provencher (Mr. Epp).

**Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to represent the constituents of Provencher and my Party by replying to the Throne Speech. The theme of the Throne Speech, peace and prosperity, is both seasonal and laudable. The script writers are obviously more attuned to the times than the principal actors who are supposed to act upon the Throne Speech. The principal actors, those opposite us, obviously had a major input in it, because what at first seems to be seasonal yule tidings is, on reflection, clearly Liberal pre-election strategies and tithings.

The Liberal message is simple: "Buy our Throne Speech, vote for us and good times will continue". That is the same old message from the same old Government with the same old pre-election schemes and promises. Indeed, the Throne Speech confirms that the Government is competent only in the area of promises and platitudes.

Some good programs have been promised, and as the Leader of my Party said on Friday, these programs will be supported. However, Canadians have seen the Government in operation long enough. Hence, they seriously question which programs will be adopted and worry about the form those programs will take. Additionally, they are concerned about the time that will be needed to put those programs in the form of legislation.

The public is gravely skeptical of the Government. That is the tragedy of the situation, Mr. Speaker. Even potentially good policies are jeopardized with this Government in power because it has made the Canadian public so suspicious. The Throne Speech has not changed the public's perception of the Government. In short, the Government has lost public confidence.

### *The Address—Mr. Epp*

Most Hon. Members in the House lost confidence in the Government long ago. Some Liberal members who are more openly honest than others have also made their views known. If those members along with others would let their conscience be their guide and their constituents be their primary concern, this Parliament would respond this week to the public's wishes with a vote of non-confidence in the Government.

During his speech on Friday, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said that our Party was reactionary. Yes, Mr. Speaker, we along with the majority of Canadians, over the last 20 months, have reacted to a government marked by economic mismanagement, a government marked by complacency, a government full of avarice, a government known for its arrogance, a government that has shown a lack of concern with Canadians' reactions to Revenue Canada's tactics, a government that is cynical toward those who elected it. Yes, we are reacting, along with the majority of Canadians, to a government that promises lower energy costs, lower inflation, lower interest rates and then produces just the opposite.

I know that the Liberal back-benchers wanted and needed, during the Christmas recess, to be able to scurry hither and thither in their constituencies proclaiming the Throne Speech as Liberal gospel, selling bits and pieces of the Liberal tithes and insisting that they had experienced certain new revelations. The Prime Minister, the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) have all participated in what has been euphemistically referred to as the big lie. For example, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said on Friday, as reported at page 50 of *Hansard*:

● (1130)

Let me tell all those Canadians out there who think it is time for a change that if they elect a Tory Party they had better not be sick.

That is what the Prime Minister said. That comment drew my thoughts back this weekend to George Orwell's book *1984*. In that book a new language would be used called newspeak or minitruith. Public statements would be announced from a pyramidal waste concrete structure rising 300 metres into the air. Of the three principles of newspeak, one of them was "ignorance is strength". The Government has already perfected newspeak—keep people in the dark and only let them see and hear what is favourable to the Government. Newspeak is not designed only to keep people uninformed, Mr. Speaker, but to develop a second theme and that is doublethink. It has never been better said than it was by the author, and I quote:

The Ministry of Peace concerns itself with war; the Ministry of Truth with lies; the Ministry of Love with torture and the Ministry of Plenty with starvation. These contradictions are not accidental nor do they result from ordinary hypocrisy. They are deliberate exercises in doublethink—

And now comes the important statement:

For it is only by reconciling contradictions that power can be retained indefinitely.

No matter what you have to say, no matter what you have to do, the point of the Prime Minister's actions is to stay in power. That is the theme of the Throne Speech.