

*The Address—Mr. Haidasz*

55,000 university teachers. These fabulous figures are most alarming. In Canada there have been cries of alarm and some talk from the leaders of the present government, but the fears and suggestions of Canada's research directors and scientists warn us that the government is hindering the progress of scientific research by ordering cuts in expenditures.

In spite of the appeals for aid for scientific research and in spite of the election promises by Conservative party candidates of federal grants for education, these same people ignored in the throne speech the urgent need for such aid and ignored mentioning any federal grants to our universities which constitute our very first line of defence. I am sure many members and many Canadians were humiliated and scandalized as I was that Dr. Norman MacKenzie, president of the University of British Columbia has just returned from a tour of the United States to beg United States industrialists to give donations to Canadian universities and colleges.

I urge the government that this session of parliament should not close without granting financial aid to our universities and without giving grants to aid needy but talented students. Recently Walter Gordon, of the royal commission on Canada's economic prospects, stated that learning should receive economic help even if this meant we could not spend quite as much on other things. I would also recommend the formation of a national education and research committee to advise governments and universities and to solicit financial aid from governments, industries and private benefactors. I highly commend my colleague on this side of the house, the hon. member for Cartier (Mr. Crestohl) for proposing the following resolution which appeared on the opening day of parliament:

That, in the opinion of this house, the government should consider the advisability of amending the Income Tax Act so as to provide for the exemption from income taxes of tuition fees paid to universities—

He also included other schools of higher learning.

—as well as the costs to students of fall textbooks and scientific equipment—

We can assist our universities tremendously by introducing more liberal changes in our tax laws to encourage corporations to donate more money toward educational purposes such as to expand university facilities, provide more teachers and scientists, increase professors' salaries and promote scientific research, both pure and applied. More money should be available for scholarships, bursaries and loan

funds even at high school level as well as at college and post-graduate levels in order to identify, encourage and support our young Canadians who have the incentive and aptitude to profit by advanced training. Industry and government could also help students help themselves by providing more summer employment and by exempting these students from unemployment insurance pay deductions. The provision of facilities to expand our universities and to provide bursaries for teachers to take summer courses would also help our drive to promote scientific advancement and produce more teachers.

Education and scientific research are the foundation of our national strength which will serve to increase our international stature and serve as a strong factor in the preservation of security and freedom. In order to preserve peace and freedom and, above all, to check the threat of communism which subordinates its peoples and policies in order to achieve its goal of world domination, we must reappraise our standards. The danger and tragedy of the progressive march of communism and the ruthless extirpation by communist dictators of freedom and basic human rights in peace-loving countries such as Hungary, Poland, the Ukraine, East Germany, the Baltic states and the Balkan countries is most appalling. A few weeks ago we marked the first anniversary of the uprisings in Hungary and Poland against their oppressors. By resisting communist tyranny with heavy personal sacrifice these people undermined the progress of communism and helped our western world in the fight against this godless and ruthless force.

The Liberal government may well be proud of its contribution of economic aid and swift emergency immigration measures to assist refugees from those areas, an act which proved that Canada backs her words with concrete action and which raised our country's stature in the eyes of the free world.

It was indeed fortifying to hear Her Majesty state that the ministers of the present government will do their utmost to participate in NATO and the United Nations in order to preserve peace. We are hopeful that the meeting of the fifteen NATO heads will determine definite and workable plans to enable co-operation in the pooling of scientific knowledge, co-ordination of defence and the extension of economic and cultural assistance to the countries that are in need.

By working through the United Nations, just one year ago the former secretary of state for external affairs was able to divert the dangerous course of the Suez crisis. This achievement in diplomacy in the United