

What about these draft dodgers we have been allowing to come into our country? I am sure they have not contributed anything to our country or to the peace, order and good government of Canada.

Let us consider the training of the red militants who have been allowed to get into the United States by way of Canada. These people come up here as so-called sugar harvesters. They cannot come directly from Cuba to the United States and so they come by way of Canada. Why should we make it possible for these people to use Canada as a stepping-stone, and to sow their seeds of discontent?

What about the Canada Council? Reading the *Ottawa Citizen* tonight, I noticed that one of those arrested in Montreal was Stanley Gray. The Canada Council, under the direction of the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier), offered a grant to this man of \$5,500. I received many letters about it at the time.

To review the matter, the Canada Council was launched in 1957 by the St. Laurent government. The first chairman was Mr. Brooke Claxton, a very respected Liberal politician. Its purpose was to promote the arts and the humanities. One hundred million dollars was provided for its principal funding, and it has been subsidized each year. Last year the government gave \$20 million to it. I repeat that the Canada Council offered a grant to Stanley Gray who was arrested yesterday in Montreal. I wrote to the minister about this and received a two-page letter from him under date of May 12, 1969, from which I wish to quote one paragraph:

Another point had to be discussed by the Council and that was whether there was evidence that Mr. Gray's non-scholastic activities reduced or would reduce his scholarly performance or could in any way put into question his qualifications as a scholar. The Council decided that in this case, Mr. Gray's scholastic qualifications were not in question.

No, they were not in question, but his other subversive activities were certainly in question. The Canada Council did not look into that aspect of things and so offered him the money. Perhaps the director of the Council would not have had to prepare a statement to justify the award to Stanley Gray if all the other implications had been considered instead of just the scholastic aspects. These are some of the things that have been happening.

I would have thought the Prime Minister could have performed his duties much better as the head of this country, if he had remained at home and looked after some of the things that were happening in this country about which he had been told over two years ago. He was told what was happening, yet he found time to fly all over the world and let things slip at home. Now, the government that was in office while these conditions were developing must be prepared to answer for the condition in which the country finds itself today. I said I would be brief, Mr. Speaker, and so I must hurry on. Now, we find that the government has gone all out, in fact, it has gone overboard and brought in the War Measures Act.

### Invoking of War Measures Act

• (10:00 p.m.)

I was pleased to note that in the Prime Minister's opening remarks he said, as reported at page 194 of *Hansard* for October 16:

Following the passage of enough time to give the government the necessary experience to assess the type of statute which may be required in these circumstances, it is my firm intention to discuss with the leaders of the opposition parties the desirability of introducing legislation of a less comprehensive nature.

The Prime Minister says he wants to do this. All our amendment asks is that he do this by the end of this month. The government has gone overboard and brought forward a measure giving it almost unlimited power. I put myself in the shoes of my good friends who live in the province of Quebec. I know how I would feel if my wife and family were in the danger that exists there. I daresay that under those conditions I would think the War Measures Act was not a bit too severe.

When we are told that there are 3,000 members of the FLQ and that they have 2,000 pounds of dynamite and can set it off with methods that are difficult to discover, and when we are told how those people operate with a code system, and so on, it is not hard for me to realize how concerned people must be in the province of Quebec generally and in Montreal particularly. Mr. Speaker, I do not think too much will be cured by this measure. I do not think the trouble in Quebec, or in all Canada for that matter, will be remedied by crushing the FLQ. These troubles can only be resolved if we transform the lives of alienated Canadians whether they be in Montreal or in any other part of Canada. The best way to deal with people who feel they have nothing to lose is to give them something to conserve. I think we have conserved much in this great country of ours. We have tried and tested values which have been handed down to us over 2,000 years and have stood the test of time pretty well. We have conserved many principles and ideals which must be looked at and used again.

In conclusion I say this. The fact that this action has been taken at the request of the Premier of Quebec and the mayor of Montreal cannot be overlooked and overemphasized. The mayor of Montreal, in the letter which the hon. member for Burnaby-Seymour (Mr. Perrault) read, said that an extremely dangerous, subversive organization has gradually developed in Quebec over the last several years. There is nothing new about the situation that developed and which required the government to invoke the War Measures Act at four o'clock yesterday morning.

Secondly, I agree that action had to be taken and I also agree that the action ought to have been taken sooner. I think we all realize that the action ought to have been taken sooner. My concern is that the government has overreacted. I am glad to know that the Prime Minister has said emphatically that he will revoke this legislation and replace it with less comprehensive legislation. I am, therefore, prepared if necessary to give up a little of my freedom for a short period of time in order to preserve