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youngsters. This is the kind of thing which can be done with good thinking and co-operation of all members of a community. This project itself has been so successful, it is interesting to note, that the model is now being accepted by no less an institute than the Kennedy Memorial Foundation of Boston, which only last week sent people up to Toronto to study the model. I would heartily recommend it to any Member of Parliament who is more interested in providing innovative programs in his or her particular constituency than in just griping about unemployment in the House of Commons.

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We spoke about the need, Mr. Speaker, for total co-operation, and in that respect I hope the media were very factual in quoting recently a statement from the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis). I have not got the clipping in front of me, but he said that if we are really concerned about unemployment we would sit around and discuss it rationally and constructively among ourselves, not just point fingers. We could put our heads together, put our good will all together, to stop this canker in our society. I fervently wish that more people would adopt the same attitude. I do congratulate the Hon. Member. Instead, what we have is emotion, such as has been handed to us today.

May I make another comment on the wording of this motion? I think it is indicative also of a certain degree of, shall we say, ambivalence which exists in the Tory caucus. Not one word of mention is given to job creation. We talk about encouraging job-creating investment, but we do not talk about job creation. I am led to wonder, does that mean that every Member of the Tory caucus would have the Government stop immediately all job-creation programs? If that is so, let them say it. If they are not against job-creation programs, will they at least tell us which ones work? Will they give credit where the credit is due and therefore return some kind of confidence to the people of Canada, who otherwise, listening to these debates, would think, my goodness, their tax money is just being thrown away? That is not true. I have already pointed out one particular program only in my riding, which has incidentally been repeated in other parts of Toronto. I have offered it also as a model to any Hon. Member of this House who wishes to repeat it in his or her own riding. Results can be achieved if we work together. Instead, we are told that the Government is to blame. The Minister, in his speech this afternoon, besides mentioning a long litany of programs which have already been put in place to curb unemployment, also mentioned a long litany of countries which, unfortunately, are also suffering the scourges of high unemployment. Interestingly enough, not one Hon. Member from the other side has dared to blame those other Governments for their high unemployment. Do the Tories blame the Thatcher Government for the enormous unemployment which exists in Britain at this moment? Of course not. Do they blame the Reagan administration for the high degree of unemployment in the United States? Of course not.

Now that I have mentioned the United States I will say that it was just last night, I believe, through radio and television, that we heard reports of the scandalous incidents which are

now occurring in the United States. It has been documented there. I mention that because, God knows, perhaps they even exist in Canada. People do not even have a roof over their heads any more in the United States. Last night a man was found frozen to death in a telephone booth in a city in the United States. Is that the country we want to emulate? God forbid. Yet is Reagan blamed for these kinds of situations? Of course he is not, nor should he be, if we are going to be fair. But in Canada, if it rains, it is supposed the Government must have ordered a rotten forecast.

We have to build confidence in the country, in the consumers and in business, and I believe we have to start by building a little confidence in ourselves, first as individual Canadians. More important, my colleague, the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Evans), mentioned the need to co-operate even in this House of Commons, to put aside at least some of the partisan barbs and sit down and, as my hon. friend the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap said, put our heads together and come up with some kind of remedy for the frightful situation we are in with the unemployed. Instead, unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we spend our time sniping and criticizing each other, and really not getting on with the job at all. It is no wonder that the people of Canada are losing faith in this institution.

There is also another sector at which we must look very carefully. Are the media really doing a good job all the time in reporting the facts? Do they not also think that it is good, it is "with it" to be negative all the time? Whatever the Government may suggest has to be automatically wrong, because it was the Government who suggested it. Let me read from *The Edmonton Journal*, the edition, I believe, of January 18, 1983. The article is entitled, "The Marching Jobless". It mentions a suggestion made that to put young people in the Armed Forces would be in effect to ask them to mark time in the Armed Forces. In other words, keep them out of sight and out of mind. It then says that if the suggestions were adopted, it would undermine the already shaky morale of Canada's forces. I would tend to agree with that article, Mr. Speaker, if it were factual. I do not know what proposal they were discussing. It was certainly not the proposal which grew from this Liberal caucus in order to help unemployed youths in Canada join the Armed Forces, because at no time was the suggestion made that the criteria made for selection of those young people into the Armed Forces would be with any other Department except the Department of National Defence. We did not tell them what kind of people they should employ. We started by saying, all right, we have found probably 33,000 who are already eligible to go into the regular forces, who want to go into the regular forces. Let us start with that. Get those kids already eligible, if they want to join, and let us give the money to DND to do so. Instead, this has been distorted.

Of course, they might be speaking of another proposal, but certainly not one that came from this side of the House. Certainly, our proposal, which hopefully would employ as many as 50,000 young people over two years, would not be a