

change at any price, and that it is unnecessary to let Canadians know what kind of change they can expect, that it is unnecessary to define policies and to say how one intends to govern this country, what direction one intends to take and by what means.

Basically, the Leader of the Opposition is using a tactic so well described by the Member for St. John's-West (Mr. Crosbie) who said that the purpose was to present a blurred vision, and that if the Leader of the Opposition were to announce his program before he became Prime Minister, he would never be elected. Those are the words of the Member for Saint-John's-West, who is known for his candour. And that is indeed the strategy used by the Leader of the Opposition. He is forming a coalition of all those who are against, of all those who are opposed to some aspect of Government policies, and since we have been in power for quite some time, I am sure that every action we have taken in this House has provoked some reaction. It is a law of physics and a law of politics: every action is followed by reaction. When the more negative elements of reaction look for a place to go, they inevitably flock to the Progressive Conservative Party. It is the Party of those who are against. All those who say no when everybody else says yes, all those who are in favour of negativism, you can find them there, in the Opposition, Mr. Speaker. For instance, we don't need an exhaustive list, just a good memory, to remember where the people in this country who are against bilingualism happen to be. They are with my hon. friend's Party, as he well knows. Where are the people who are against the metric system? Right over there on the opposite side. Where are the people who are against patriation of the Constitution? Where should we look for them? Over there! Where are the people who are against the Charter of Rights? Where are they? With the Tories! Where are those who are against unemployment insurance? Right over there. Where are the people who . . . I will talk about health insurance later on, but in any case, I know that this Party not only has people who have spoken out against health insurance but it also has people who voted against health insurance. They are right there in the Progressive Conservative Party. They are against the changes in the Crow rate! They are even against helping Canadair! They are against Bell Helicopter establishing a plant in the Province of Quebec . . . The Leader of the Official Opposition says no, and I am not saying it was his own position. On the contrary, the positions of Leader of the Official Opposition on most of these issues have been very distinguished and generally honourable. But I ask him: Where are these people who are against all the issues I just mentioned? Are they on this side or on the other side? He knows perfectly well they are right beside him. It was obvious when we were considering the question of bilingualism in Manitoba. Certainly, we had a unanimous resolution. Thank goodness! It was unanimous because we did not need a vote. He is aware of that, and Canadians are as well. He is putting up a facade of unity despite all these people who are opposed to these issues. He

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does have more open-minded people on his side. He has Members who are prepared to be progressive on a host of issues. But once again, where are the people who have taken a negative stand? They are with the Conservatives.

That explains why the Leader of this Party cannot afford to take a positive position on a single issue. He has to be against everything the Government is doing, without, however, saying what he would do instead: determine what the problems are and look into them. Of course, this takes a quick mind, and the Leader of the Official Opposition has shown this morning that he is no ordinary observer. He is aware of unemployment and the fact that people are in great difficulty. He realizes that peace in this world is threatened. But what would his Government do next month since he wants to have an election next month, since he will be voting in two days to defeat this Government and launch his election campaign? What does he want to do with all those who are opposed? How would he form an alliance to govern? Did he tell us this morning? Do Canadians—who are entitled to know—know how this alliance of disgruntled, rejected, short-sighted people and reactionaries will stick together and form a Government?

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The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Speaker, is not against the Liberal Party. We were flattering ourselves to think he was opposed to the Liberal Party. He is not against the Liberal Party, he is against the 20th century.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: I think it is kind of tragic that that Party has been in opposition so long. I myself said some many years ago that perhaps 20 years is too long for anyone to be Prime Minister—I was saying that when Mr. Duplessis was Prime Minister—and I promise, Mr. Speaker, that I will not finish the next five years. That Party has developed the tragic habit of being against everything because it so rarely had the responsibility of government. True, it had it for some nine months in 1979-80, and I listened with some disbelief this morning when the Leader of the Opposition was blaming us and our friends in the New Democratic Party for having defeated the Tory Government, as though that Government deserved support and continuation and so on. Why, then, has the Leader of the Opposition been working so hard himself to get rid of the former leader of the Tory Party—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: —if he was so worthy of remaining in office? I repeat, Mr. Speaker, there is something tragic in that negativism, in that coalition of "antis" which leads the Conservative Party to believe that in a sense the federal Government is incapable of putting forward satisfactory solutions to the real problems of our country in this day.

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If there is a problem with medicare, Mr. Speaker, what do we hear? "Let the provinces solve it". If there is a problem