

Senator Perrault: Are there any pictures?

Senator MacEachen: I suggest that honourable senators take a look at the portion entitled "A Gala in a Tent". It reads in part:

The last ceremonial gala took place in a huge tent at the Canadian Ambassador's residence overlooking Rock Creek Park.

Senator Perrault: It sounds like a real tent meeting.

Senator MacEachen: Honourable senators may be wondering why I mention this matter. It is because Canadian foreign policy cannot have two faces. Canada abroad must be Canada at home. And what was happening in Canada when angel hair pasta was being served in Washington for our Canadian visitors? The very next day, this chamber gave third and final reading to the Family Allowance bill whereby Family Allowance payments were reduced by \$11 this year for even the poorest children in Canada.

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Some Hon. Senators: Shame!

Senator MacEachen: It was called restraint; we were told that Canada could not afford to give these children that \$11 this year.

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Senator MacEachen: No angel hair pasta for the children of Canada!

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, it is hard to believe that the last part of the speech we have just heard comes from the foreign affairs minister of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who spent his time on the yacht of the Aga Khan so often in the past.

Senator Frith: Who paid for it?

Senator Murray: Talk about two faces for foreign policy! A prime minister who went to the Soviet Union and told them about the military threat that this country was supposed to be under from the United States. Two faces of foreign policy, indeed.

Senator Perrault: That is no defence at all.

Senator Murray: It is hard to believe that such statements could come from the foreign affairs minister of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who, whatever his other contributions on the domestic or international scene, gained a well deserved reputation as an international playboy over 16 years in office, and that is a fact.

Honourable senators, I want to begin on a more friendly note by congratulating the Honourable Senator Cogger and the Honourable Senator Barootes who moved and seconded the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. Senator Cogger comes here with a very interesting career behind him in politics, in law and in business, and I am sure with a very interesting and constructive career ahead of him in the Senate.

[Senator MacEachen.]

[Translation]

He started his political career in the 60s at Laval University, when he was elected student president.

In the Conservative Party where he was national vice-president, as a lawyer and in the business world, he always won the confidence and friendship of his colleagues.

I have been a friend of his for twenty years. He has the grave responsibility of being the father of my goddaughter. We have travelled together across this country and abroad. We always took the same political route, although our paths may have diverged from time to time.

After working closely with the senator during the last two decades, I am delighted to see him in Parliament where, I am sure, he will make a contribution of the very highest calibre.

Senator Barootes' speech was a masterpiece.

[English]

Senator Barootes has already made his mark here as an eloquent spokesman for his region and his province, and we all understand the reasons that take both him and his interlocutor, Senator Steuart from Saskatchewan, back to their province today.

I thought that Senator Barootes' remarks on drug abuse were particularly welcome and particularly pertinent, coming as they do from a former president of the Canadian Medical Association and a former member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of the Province of Saskatchewan. It was a very wide-ranging speech that Senator Barootes made. No sooner had he mentioned the creation of the proposed new Canadian Space Agency than Senator Steuart went into orbit. In his on-schedule lift-off, Senator Steuart predicted—I think accurately—the re-election of the Conservative government of Premier Grant Devine of Saskatchewan. I, of course, have no argument with that. No doubt the NDP will come second and the Liberals will win no seats, but they will declare one of those famous moral victories that they have always had in Saskatchewan. If moral victories were members of Parliament, the Liberals would, indeed, be a formidable force in western Canada.

Let me also extend my congratulations to our newest senator, the Honourable Norman Atkins. Senator Atkins is an Ontario senator with a maritime connection, and that is all to the good. His immediate connection is with the province of New Brunswick, where he has a residence, but he had a grandfather born deep in Senator MacEachen's former constituency of Guysborough County, Nova Scotia. Senator Atkins is justly famous for his skills at recruiting, organizing, motivating and moulding a team for the achievement of political goals. This Senate being at its best a very collegial place, I know that he is ideally equipped by experience, temperament and ability to play a very constructive role here.

Senator Frith: The more time he spends here the better, that's what I say.

Senator Murray: Honourable senators, I want to welcome all colleagues back to their work. I trust that they have had an