

Summer Recess

report. Now we have the hypocrisy of hon. members saying that they want to stay on. They have the hypocrisy today to say that they want to stay. We would have been gone a whole week ago if this party under its leader had not insisted we stay. During that week we saw progress made. We saw a mediator appointed. Before that the government negotiator and the Post Office negotiator were not even speaking. They would not even get together. We had one at one end of the city and one at the other. Now we have a mediator and we hope that this matter will come to a settlement. People of Canada deserve to have their mail delivered.

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Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Taylor: We are prepared to stay here longer if necessary. But now for the first time in the history of Canada the government brings in closure. Maybe we should not be surprised because this government is becoming more dictatorial all the time. As a matter of fact, why should we be surprised because this government has a dictator as a leader?

Let us look at some of the things which the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has been doing. He lays his hands on Jim Coutts and annoints him as the candidate for Spadina. He tells the people they have to have him as a candidate. Is that democracy?

Let us look at the difference in our party. Eight hundred to 1,000 people gathered and named a candidate in a democratic way. The leader of the Liberal Party would not fight against totalitarianism, communism or facism. He pretended that he was going to be a priest while his comrades fought overseas for his country. Many of them died overseas. He rode a motorcycle and had a gay old time while his comrades were fighting for Canada. The Canadian people should not forget that. We have a dictator for our leader. And the fact that the clones around him say "Yes, yes, and oui, oui" to everything he says does not reduce that dictatorial attitude one bit. They may set up a smokescreen.

Look at what happened with respect to the Constitution. Again we saw a dictatorial attitude and unilateral action. That was the very opposite to what this country has been used to. We have ten governments and two territories, but we have one man who says "I will do it. I will tell you what to do". What if the territories and the governments did not come to an agreement over a few years? That is not the point. We have a system of government in this country set up under the BNA Act with ten governments, and every government should have had a fair say on the Constitution.

I hope the Supreme Court will throw out the Constitution. But whatever the court says, even if the matter is legally right, it is morally wrong and it is contrary to everything we have ever had in this country. Again, that is a dictatorial attitude.

The Prime Minister would not even meet or talk with our premiers. But he goes to Cuba and talks to Castro. He wouldn't talk to our premiers or try to solve the problems of Canada. He is trying to solve the problems of the world. The

country which is his responsibility is full of problems but he does not have time for those. He wants to help world government. He wants world government. He would like to be the dictator of the world. He talks about an international police force.

I do not believe in world government. I believe in the sovereignty of every nation. I will fight world government to the very last ditch. We do not want that in this country. We do not want anything to do with it. I say to hon. members over there that they can tell their Prime Minister that.

What about the gun control he brought in? Does he not want us to have any guns? There may be some reasons for that, but there is none to deny people the use of rifles and guns in this country.

The Prime Minister has a don't care attitude. Do hon. members over there realize that he will not sign certificates or golden wedding anniversaries any more? A couple in my constituency requested a certificate signed by the Prime Minister of Canada for their golden anniversary. What happened? A certificate was sent out without the Prime Minister's signature. The couple showed it to me. I told them that the Prime Minister was a busy man and perhaps it had slipped his mind. I asked them to give me the certificate to take to Ottawa. I sent the certificate over to his office. The Prime Minister's staff sent it back and told me that he did not have the time to sign these certificates any more.

What a difference there is between our leader and the dictator on the other side. Our leader tells us that he will send all messages for the member to deliver. I asked for a letter from the Prime Minister the other day for a couple who wanted a letter of congratulations for their golden anniversary. His secretary told me that that could not be done. We gave the Prime Minister a month's notice, but we were told it takes three months to have one of these letters made up and then certificates are sent without signatures. The Prime Minister does not care. That is his attitude. That is not the attitude of our leader. Our leader is trying to reflect the thinking of our people. I am glad to be a supporter of the leader of this party. I am not ashamed of that. I am proud of that.

The hon. member for Parkdale-High Park said that we wasted three hours today. That is again a Liberal smokescreen. However, what he said was partly true. We did waste three hours. But the other part of what he said is not true at all. We could have been studying bills. The government did not have any bills to study, not one. We did not want to waste time either. We want to stay here until the business is done.

Our inflation is the highest since 1948 at 12.8 per cent. Hon. members over there wonder why. But the very way this government is tackling inflation is causing inflation. The first component is the 20 per cent interest rate. The stores have to add 20 per cent on to the cost of their goods and people have to pay 20 per cent more. That is inflation. Everyone wonders why inflation keeps going up and up. Hon. members over there wonder why we are not telling them what to do. But we have told them what to do a dozen times. If they resigned, that would help. We have also told the government to get the small