

under-represented areas lose their feeling of alienation, I suggest we will not have the kind of Canadianism that we want and for which we all hope. The future of Canada will be found by developing our north and our west, not by multiplying the pollution of lower Ontario and upper Quebec. Since I see here a member from the region, I add that the same argument applies to Newfoundland and Labrador, all along the undeveloped northeast as well as the northwest.

At the same time it is highly unlikely that these areas would ever have populations exceeding the populations of Ontario and Quebec. Thus, the north and the west, if they are to be developed and the people who live there are to feel that they are part of the ball game, must be given effective muscle at the federal level regardless of the pressures created by "rep by pop". The alternative is to keep them permanently in the state of colonialism that they suspect they are in now. There is no need for Canada to play this colonial game for, as Canadians, all of us have the right to equality of opportunity regardless of where we live.

As the Prime Minister declared only last week in the Speech from the Throne, we can change Canada if only we have the qualities and the will. Let us start here at the centre and get on with the job. No one but ourselves can stop us.

• (4:20 p.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, it is already the 3rd session of the 28th Parliament. Some people are still under the spell of the great show of 1968 when there appeared to lead the Liberal party and, later, the government, the youngest old Prime Minister Canada has ever had. A nervous, swinging bachelor who a few years before had been denouncing the Liberal herd being led to the slaughterhouse, became Number One, the saviour, the long-expected messiah. "Get ready, everybody, the just society is on its way!"

The extollers are still ecstatic but the people are still waiting. They are waiting for something to be done. They certainly want the "just society", but most of all, they would like it to become a reality.

The great fight against inflation of which the government is so proud leaves the population cold. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) may rejoice and claim that he has won the day, but the man on the street wonders if he will still have a job tomorrow, if social welfare will look after his family better, if his dairy products will sell or if there is really any future in our immense country chock-full of resources.

He also wonders where the great battle of bilingualism and biculturalism will lead. In spite of what he is told about the advantages of democracy, he realizes to what extent it is mocked. Vanity, the excessive remoteness the government enjoys so much make it absolutely indifferent to the opinions, suggestions and action of the opposition. Yet, each hon. member has the same right, if not the same power. More than half the population is against the party which now runs the country. Our parliamentary

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traditions are anti-democratic. It is disguised dictatorship! Particularly when the chief will not stand any criticism and will accept and follow only what suits him.

Mr. Speaker, needless to point out that an active and objective opposition is necessary. But long and serious consideration must be given to its co-operation. By systematically rejecting all solutions suggested by other parties for the false motive that they do not originate from the Liberal party, the government is making fun of the people themselves.

An actual return to democratic processes will be required to prevent other dictatorships from taking over. Obviously, adopting the establishment of a just society as a slogan implies recognition of the existence of poverty, disparities, injustices, things that must be made to disappear from our society. It is not enough to make use of an election campaign slogan. All previous governments wanted the same thing. The importance given to the slogan will not help solve the problem of poverty, social disparities and individual injustices of which our population is victim.

The attitude of the present government, which is first and foremost that of the Prime Minister, moves further and further away from the objective. An out-and-out socialist, having taken pleasure in following on labour platforms his former friend Michel Chartrand in order to stir up the workers against the Duplessis regime, editor of a so-called advanced magazine, *Cité libre*, where he worked with Pierre Vallières, the author of *Nègres blancs d'Amérique*, finally, an inveterate globe-trotter who liked especially Russia and China, the right hon. Prime Minister does his own thing at all costs, and the recent recognition of Communist China is but a pale reflection of all the leftist and communistic projects he had in mind.

This spoiled child, unable to stand any remark, blaming Tom, Dick and Harry, the press and members of the Opposition, of whom he says they are worth nothing at 50 feet from the Parliament buildings, may not be the cause of all our frustrations, but he is one of the main factors. His adamant and off-hand manner will soon exasperate all the right-minded people in this country. It may seem cruel to utter such words but they reflect pretty well the feelings of a lot of people who are fed up with the fine words, the social antics and the childish and rambling outbursts of our Prime Minister.

People look down on us. They say: "These little Creditists with their financial obsession". But truth is not the monopoly of the great! We are conscious of reflecting the opinion of the small people. More and more, all classes of society look upon our proposals more objectively. The false and dishonest propaganda that has been conducted against us has prevented certain groups of people to consider seriously our theories. We are making great strides in overcoming this handicap. We are confident that soon the majority will agree, at least, to give a serious test to our economic system.

We want concrete suggestions. We do not have reserved rights on our doctrine. We would be more than happy to see the government steal our best ideas. All we want