

But today they pose as the guardians of Crown corporations. The hon. member for Yukon has posed as the guardian. I congratulate him for making a good case. I am not unaware that he is good lawyer, and a good lawyer takes a brief, whether he believes in it or not and does his best.

**An hon. Member:** You are a pretty good lawyer too, David.

**Mr. Lewis:** That is what the hon. member for Yukon did today. What hypocrisy, Mr. Speaker. On the basis of this piece of adolescent hypocrisy, the Conservatives want us to help them bring down the government at a quarter to ten this evening.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** Let me tell them, Mr. Speaker, that we do not intend to join them in their juvenile parliamentary delinquency.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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**Mr. Lewis:** We do not intend to join them in their juvenile parliamentary delinquency, Mr. Speaker. Let me point out to Your Honour and everyone else that this motion has nothing to do with Polymer.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** Those blasted hypocrites in the Conservative party know it has nothing to do with Polymer. Polymer was sold to the CDC last July. If this motion passes, the situation will not be changed one iota. Polymer will still be part of the CDC. We condemned it last Friday. We condemned the sale last summer. We condemn it today.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lewis:** However, that is not what the motion is about.

**An hon. Member:** That is what it says.

**Mr. Lewis:** I do not care what hypocritical words the Tories may mouth. What the motion is about is to deny the government's supply and bring down this parliament at a quarter to 10 tonight. That is what the motion is about. The Tories know that. I have said it before and I repeat it; we do not intend to be intimidated by these adolescents to my right. They are playing a high school kind of game. We are concerned about the people of Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** In fact, Mr. Speaker, in my high school days, I saw much more intelligent manoeuvres than the silly manoeuvres the Conservative Party are conducting. On the agenda for tomorrow or the following day is the increase to the old age pension and the war veterans allowance.

**An hon. Member:** Here comes the crunch.

### *Sale of Polymer*

**Mr. Lewis:** You bet here comes the crunch. The hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) says there will be a continuing government and these increases will take place in due course. What he is saying to the aged and the veterans of this country is, you wait for your blessed increase; we, the Tories, have a game to play.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** We do not intend to play that game with them. We believe it is important to produce as soon as possible the final stages of the bills that will give the pensioners and veterans the increases in their allowances. In the next day or so, we expect the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) to bring to this House his position on Canada's part in Viet Nam. I urge him to do that before the 60 days, that he took to himself, for having Canadians in Viet Nam expires.

No one in this parliament has been more shrill and more strident in his demands that parliament decide whether Canada continues to participate in the operation in Viet Nam than the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner) and his colleagues in the Conservative Party. Bring this parliament to an end at a quarter to 10 this evening and the pensioners will not get their increase, the veterans will not get their increase and the decision about Viet Nam will be solely a decision by this government and no one else.

In the next week or so, we expect a report of the food prices committee. We hope it will present some suggestions for dealing with the increases in food prices. We have sent the housing bill to a committee of the House of Commons. We expect a debate on the bill which will place some control on foreign investment. We expect this bill within the next few days.

Last night the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) appeared on the television program "The Nation's Business". He said to the people of Canada that the government was delaying producing the improvements of the 1972 budget and the income tax cuts of the 1973 budget. That is not a quotation, but I think it is a correct representation. He then said, and I quote:

They are not mere technicalities. They represent important changes in our tax laws, providing long over-due relief to many people in our society.

He concluded with the following words:

In the face of this ineptitude, this lack of leadership and the resulting hardship for so many ordinary Canadians, we will continue to press Mr. Turner and Mr. Trudeau to bring these 1972 budget proposals before the House of Commons for prompt consideration.

Having said that over television last night out of one side of his mouth, out of the other side of his mouth, the Leader of the Opposition proposed a motion that would close parliament and make it impossible for that to be done.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Lewis:** Do they expect any responsible member of this House who does not play their idiotic and unprincipled game to go along with them on that kind of measure? Talk about speaking with a forked tongue. I do not know