

*Company of Young Canadians Act*

not think we can leave here before the end of the year without having taken some action.

I could state again the Conservative position. We think the company has such a bad name that it should be scrapped and a study made of some type of responsible organization, following which we should start again from scratch. Our friends on the other side differ in that respect. The Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) has said: "No, we will make some alterations in the structure and bring them before parliament at an early opportunity". But may I simply remind him that the name of the company is anathema from coast to coast to most right thinking young Canadians. In this respect, I am appealing for the majority of this country's youth, those perhaps who do not write or contact their members of Parliament and say: "We would not touch this thing with a 10 foot pole". The fact is that they would touch a different organization with a 10 foot pole, but all the tinkering we do with this organization will never make it acceptable to the young people.

When Parliament established the CYC we hoped to attract some young, altruistic volunteers who wished to be of service to their fellow Canadians. I should like to remind the House of the experience of one of the large car manufacturers who had what turned out to be a deadly lemon on his hands, a car that could kill people. That car company, one of the largest in the world, could have spent vast amounts on engineering redevelopment of this particularly deadly lemon, put forth all sorts of advertising and changed what had been a killer into what would be a good family car. Instead of this they took the other course. They scrapped the project and started out with a new car with a different name, but one which filled that particular part of their merchandising line. I say that this is an exact parallel with the CYC which makes sense.

In our committee hearings we heard enough evidence to justify our conclusions that there were personality conflicts within the CYC; that the structure was bad and the finances in such chaos, and that, above all thanks to its structure, it was very easy for some smart left-wing activist to march in through the door and somehow seize control of the company. That is precisely what happened. This fact indicates that people who have an animus towards our society also have the ability to seize the first vehicle that comes down the pike which would give them the opportunity. It turned out to be something on which the taxpayers of Canada have spent some thought

and a great deal of money. Nobody in their right conscience can permit a situation like that to continue. There is no justification for making even drastic changes in the company. I think we have to make a fresh start.

In my opinion, the committee did not hear the testimony of enough volunteers to give us an idea of the motivation which led them into the service of the company. There are all sorts of volunteers, some of them pretty sleazy characters and others who no doubt acted with the purest of motives. We also did not hear about an experiment that has gone on for some considerable time in Canadian society, and that is the Frontier College which brought vast benefits to the northern regions at small administrative costs. I think that their experience also would have been helpful to us. We heard from Professor Lotz who made a dozen suggestions about restructuring or setting up a viable structure, including, for example, research into projects so that one would know whether something was going to be workable or whether one was simply sending visionary fools rushing in where angels fear to tread.

We heard plenty from the city of Montreal officials who pointed the finger at the new president of the company who somehow bulldozed his way to the surface in the turmoil that beset the CYC over the week end. We heard about government moneys being spent through the CYC to help put out such interesting publications as ones explaining how to conduct a successful revolution; how to build, not one or two, but three varieties of Molotov cocktails; how to kill police horses; how to start riots, and the like. There is one gentleman associated with this endeavour who wanted to go to Cuba to bone up on revolutionary tactics. In writing to the Cuban authorities he stated that his chief qualification was that he had been in court charged with the illegal possession of dynamite, for which he received a suspended sentence. In addition, he had been a second time in court and acquitted on a charge of conspiracy, arising out of the explosion of some weapon—I presume dynamite—in which several people were killed. Third, he belonged to the CYC. He thought that this was a sufficiently refreshing approach to certain people in Cuba that they would forthwith ask him down there to bone up on revolutionary tactics.

In my opinion, the CYC has not yet played a vital role in any area, and I think the city of Montreal has made a legitimate request for a study of subversive activities in Canada.