

and have tried to outsocialize the socialists. This is a path of no return. It cannot be done. I hope the socialists will never be responsible for the fiscal policy of this country. We can see what has happened where socialist governments have ruled. Poor old England has floundered under socialism since the end of the second world war. Her troubles stem not so much from the fact that she has fought two wars during my lifetime but that socialism has sapped her energy.

As a creed, socialism goes against human nature. It does not work in a modern world. After people have worked hard and stored up wealth a socialist government then comes along, takes it away from the people and spends it. Not until men have worked hard in modern factories storing up a nation's wealth can a socialist government take that wealth away. Socialism cannot work as a short term solution. It just does not work.

Unfortunately, socialism is being taught at Harvard. In North America socialism has been introduced by well meaning socialists who left the old country and came here with a great deal of education but little wisdom. This creed, being taught at a centre of learning in the heart of the United States, contains the seeds of the downfall of that country if it is allowed to flourish. If the United States declines as a world power, as our own Prime Minister has suggested it may, that decline will stem from the rot of socialism coming from within. That rot will set in when its people are no longer willing to work hard, as they must in any modern society. That is my opinion, and I am not alone in holding it. I therefore suggest that the government should take a good look at all its programs. It is never too late to mend.

The government should examine again the old Liberal policies involving hard work. It should not spread wealth among the lower ranks but encourage those with small incomes to work hard and better themselves. Instead of saying to small farmers, small businessmen and others, "we are here as big brother to help you," it should say to them, "we are not going to carry you but at the same time we are not going to burden you with taxation in an effort to be more socialistic than the socialists are." If the minister says that cannot be done, I say he will be replaced. It is necessary for our leaders to tell our people that they can have a better life only by working hard and adopting the principles of private enterprise.

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

#### *Use of Bank of Canada to Ease Tax Burden*

**Mr. Bigg:** In tired Europe they may need socialism in order to hand out rations of one kind or another. But we in Canada need no kind of rationing. We need the kind of leadership we had in the latter part of the 19th century and the early part of the 20th. I would say that period of leadership ended in 1962.

I say to the hon. member who preceded me that in suggesting that the last five years of the regime of the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) were not good for this country he is mistaken. Our people have good memories. We assumed the burden of previous unemployment. And what did we do about that?

**Mr. Rondeau:** You increased it.

**Mr. Bigg:** We put the people of Canada back to work.

**An hon. Member:** You increased unemployment.

**Mr. Bigg:** And what did we do with the millions of bushels of unsold wheat then in this country?

**An hon. Member:** You gave them away.

**Mr. Bigg:** No. We sold wheat at record prices in markets that had previously not been open to us. Our idea was that hungry people had the right to be fed as long as they could produce cash for our wheat. When we took office many of our people were unemployed because they lacked training. The training program introduced under the Conservative government of that day under the leadership of the right hon. member for Prince Albert and hon. Michael Starr did much to correct the difficulties of those who had dropped out of high school and could not gain employment. That was the finest program of its kind and in my opinion had never before been equalled in the history of mankind. If hon. members call what we did backsliding, let us have more of that type of backsliding.

It was strange to hear the kind of criticism that came from those who purport to be the friends of the people and who coined the phrase "the just society" before the Liberals took it over. The just society is more than mere words; you can only have it when you put into operation certain principles that affect all our people. The just society means