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and the Hon. Member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers) on the subject. I will not dwell on the atmosphere resulting from the Bill. I will deal directly with Clause 1. There is apprehension and distrust which is well founded when you realize the broad and potentially dangerous scope of power proposed for this Corporation.

Of the many areas in this Bill which I could use to illustrate the questionable magnitude of these powers, I am particularly alarmed over the provisions in Clause 14(g), which allows Canagrex to:

(g) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and hold real and personal property for actual use by Canagrex in the operation and management of its business—

If this Government wishes to create Canagrex as a tool to aid farm report, why in heaven's name does the Corporation need to own property and buy and sell property? Would its success in meddling in the finances of the farm be comparable to the post office and to Canadair? I would think so. Why does it have to set up its own farms to compete with those existing? Is it in conjunction with this Order in Council that we have had imposed upon us the establishment of internment camps, or are prison farms the next step? Is it maybe just to build office towers to house more Government bureaucrats in its Crown corporations?

How ironic it is that this particular Government wants to guarantee the rights of the Corporation to own property. It was this Government which flatly refused to make any reference to the property rights of Canadians when it patriated the Constitution and had the Charter of Rights proclaimed, and was the major reason I voted against it. Obviously this Government feels the right to own property is the prerogative of Government, not the people. Check the U.S.S.R. and Poland and see how they love it! The measures contained in this Bill were designed to reinforce that concept totally.

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Beyond the immediate concerns regarding the structure and powers being assigned to the Canagrex Corporation in this Bill, there is an even more important and fundamental issue at stake, as listed in the amendments. What we are being asked to approve here is the creation of yet another Crown corporation, another intrusion by Government into the lives of Canadians, another definite move towards state control. Read the Auditor General's report. He classes the Crown corporations in existence now as sub-governments. I would love to know who those people across the way would like to put on top of the agricultural Crown corporation because that will be the real porkbarrel. They love Canadair and its \$2.3 billion loss.

In my view, those in the agricultural community who have pledged their support to this Bill have not really understood its very basic implication. That is what this is all about. It is not whether you assist someone in buying or selling in our overseas markets; it is the state control of agriculture.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Stewart: How many Canadians in general realize just how far down the slippery slope to socialism we as a nation

have travelled? Not because we wanted to take the trip; we are on this path only because the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) put us there. This Prime Minister firmly believes in state control and socialism. Back in the 1950s and 1960s, before he had the authority and power to implement his goal, he was writing his views on both, and I do not know why Members across the way do not read them. They are in black and white. Let us have a few quotes from this philosophy of the Prime Minister. He said it, not I:

—it seems to me that the regime of free enterprise has shown itself incapable of adequately resolving problems of contemporary society. That's why I am personally convinced that with the upheavals inherent in automation, cybernetics and nuclear energy, Liberal democracy will not long be able to satisfy our growing demands for justice and liberty—

I believe in the necessity of state control to maximize the liberty and welfare of all. The erroneous liberal idea of property helped to emancipate the bourgeoise, but is now hampering the march toward economic democracy.

He goes on:

I should like to see socialists feeling free to espouse whatever political trends or to use whatever constitutional tools happen to fit each particular problem at each particular time.

That was said by the Prime Minister of Canada. The constitutional tools already available to him when he took over were obviously lacking, so he eventually managed to design new ones to suit his socialistic purposes. Closure. Making announcements outside this House and taking power away from Parliament.

The Bill before us provides the Government with an especially vital tool for the expansion of socialism: state control of production, food production in this instance, the staple of our existence. How much more control can you get? Look at what happened to Tanzania when they got state control of production. Look at Poland with the most arable land in the whole of Europe. They owe us \$500 million for imports of wheat. Look at the Ukraine, once the bread basket of Europe, and at what happened to it when state control of agriculture came in. When you have state control, it ties up the means of production, controls economic freedom and that is when you lose your individual freedom.

That is what is at stake in this Bill. I say to the farmers who are in favour of this Bill: Please wake up before it is too late. The people under the control of such a state are known as slaves. They are dependent on state aid, and the greater the dependency the greater the power of the state to expand its control. We see that in communications, in industry, and now the Minister is trying to extend it to farming. The Prime Minister recognized the power inherent in such a dependency when he wrote:

Since the sum total of Governments is the sum total of powers, the first task of a socialist is to educate all of the people to demand maximum service from all their Governments.

That is what those people over there are trying to make the farmer think. Did your grandparents, Mr. Speaker, espouse this philosophy? You bet your sweet patootic they did not. Our grandfathers built this country, but they did not build one bit of it on socialism. Check the records. It was built on sweat and hard work. The people of this country are being educated in