

Mr. Orlikow: The same kind of projects submitted by young people who have had no experience were approved and funded. I say it is madness to turn down projects conceived and to be supervised by people with experience, which will employ young people and provide funds to young people who have conceived similar projects. I say when things are over we will find that the experience of this year will be as bad or worse than the experience we had with the Company of Young Canadians.

Let me talk about the future. The government has fumbled and bumbled and made a mess of this year's program. In 1972 young people will again be looking for jobs. I urge the minister and his department to work on plans for 1972 this fall. I urge the minister to have the plans ready and to make them public by December 31, 1971, so that next April or May we will not have a rush job with the same kind of rooting around to find projects in order to use up the money, much of which will be used in the wrong way as has been the case in 1971.

[Translation]

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to see the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) in his seat. Two days ago, I said the minister was incompetent and should hand in his resignation to the cabinet, because the Opportunities for Youth program in several areas of Canada, and specifically in the province of Quebec, has turned out to be a separatist-oriented project and because public funds are being used to promote separatist organizations. Please note, Mr. Speaker, that I say in passing that some Liberal members have told me exactly the same thing.

The minister's statement can be summarized as follows: The opposition, says he, just does not trust young people, whereas the government does. He is not prepared to see the success of such a creative program jeopardized in any way by the sinister assertions of the timid and the sceptical.

Mr. Speaker, the minister—and I say it once again today—should resign because of his incompetence in managing the Department of the Secretary of State. I have given instances of this the day before yesterday and other examples will follow on Monday, when the budget is discussed, concerning grants which have been allocated to separatist elements of Rouyn-Noranda to create trouble. We should co-operate with the students and find jobs for them. Projects submitted by the municipalities of Rouyn-Noranda and other Canadian cities have been rejected whilst others drawn up by people intent on destroying Canada have met with approval. If the minister is unaware of this fact, then I will inform him personally or in this House.

Mr. Speaker, the minister's statement is the worst example of petty politics I have ever seen in the House of Commons.

Mr. Boulanger: Oh, oh, oh!

Mr. Caouette: It must be the hon. member for Mercier (Mr. Boulanger), the "whippet", who just shouted.

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Mr. Speaker, I have no intention of keeping the floor any longer, even if those who spoke before me took twice as much time as I did, but I will repeat that the Secretary of State is an irresponsible man if he does not know his department is full of incompetents. I asked for a list of names two days ago giving the official five hours' notice to provide me with an answer. Somebody phoned my office yesterday afternoon while I was in Trois-Rivières dealing with the minister of Indian Affairs (Mr. Chrétien), to let me know that they had no list of names available. However, thousands of dollars are being given to nameless people. An amount of \$85,000 has been sent to 139, Perreault St., Rouyn, and given to some socialists of the same type as the Secretary of State.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Caouette: I did not say New Democrats, but "socialists". Mr. Speaker, when I refer to socialists, the members of the New Democratic Party are annoyed. They feel that they are being attacked. When I tell them that the communists in the USSR are called socialists, they are annoyed and retort: We are not communists. Mr. Speaker, the reaction you get from those people is fantastic.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I think we should come back to the minister's statement and hear about the member's reaction, rather than that of those who listen to him.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, no doubt you are pleased to hear me. I will disregard the interruptions from my friends of the New Democratic party. I am speaking of the statement made by the minister and, when I say that the minister is not a liberal, you know what I mean, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Once again, the debate is not about the minister but about the statement made by the minister, and I hope we will soon end the discussion, for time is flying.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, my conclusion is that the minister is not a liberal, that he is a socialist.

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CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED CHARTER—CONSULTATION WITH HOUSE— ACCEPTANCE OF WHOLE PACKAGE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, before posing my first question to the Prime Minister perhaps I might be permitted to express the hope that the deliberations of the Prime Minister and the premiers of the provinces will lead to progress with regard to patriation of our constitution and will prove to have been a substantial step forward in terms of the constitutional reform for this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!