

country's problems and building on its strengths and potential. I submit that they do not want this Parliament to be paralysed. They do not want an extended period of obstruction. They do not want a stalemate. They want responsible action by this Government and this House.

What we need now, Mr. Speaker, is input from, and consultation with, all Canadians so that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) will be able to present a thoughtful budget which will be sensitive to the needs of all Canadians. Canadians have every right to expect and demand open, responsible, and constructive action by this Parliament. Let's get on with it.

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### SOCIAL SECURITY

#### SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSALITY PRINCIPLE

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston):** Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I say that universality is the cornerstone of the Liberal legacy in Canada. Rich and poor alike through their taxes pay for social programs. As a result, rich and poor alike are entitled to these programs. From bank presidents to bus drivers, everyone is equal under these programs. At least everyone was equal while our Party was in Government.

If the Tories want to reform the tax system by making the rich pay their fair share of taxes, that is fine with us and we will support them. However, when they tamper with universality, they tamper with the heart and soul of the Liberal Party. We will not stand for it, and we will fight them every bloody inch of the way.

The vacuous garbage that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) has been spouting on the subject of universality leads us to believe one of two things. Either the Tories are innocently and unforgivably naive and confused, or they have been deliberately dishonest with the Canadian public. Either situation is dangerous for the people of Canada. Elderly people have planned their retirement based on the expectation of receiving the old age pension. Young couples are planning their families with the expectation of receiving the family allowance. I say to the senior citizens and families of the nation that the Liberal Party will defend and protect their pensions and family allowances with all the vigour and aggressiveness it commands. We may be small in number, but we are large and strong—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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#### METHOD OF FUNDING BY FORMER LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, social benefits depend on the productivity of a country. The higher the productivity, the better the social benefits. During their years in office Liberals kept up the social benefits only by borrowing and building up the national debt to some \$200 billion. Had

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the Liberals continued this practice, it would have caught up to them eventually and the social benefits would have had to be cut or eliminated.

The P.C. Government was elected last September because the people of Canada saw what was happening. The new Government inherited a whopping debt and an empty treasury, and now the same Liberals who lived in extravagance on borrowed money are obstructing the elected Government that is determined to increase the productivity so that we can pay more to those who need it the most. Both Liberal and NDP Members do not like this.

The Bay Street lawyer does not want one cent taken from the income of his pals who are making well over \$100,000 per year. Like the pampered rich in days of yore, he in effect says: "Let the poor eat cake". NDP Members, always palsy-walsy with their Liberal bed-partners, go right along with the obstruction. The people foresaw this obstruction and gave us a large majority so the Liberals and the NDP could not stop the passing of needed legislation.

In spite of the Liberals and the NDP, the programs of the PC Government are what the people want. Let us go over the top of the trenches and advance Canada and its people, including the seniors, the crippled, the halt and the blind, into a new era of prosperity; indeed, a new Canada.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA—VISIT BY BISHOP TUTU

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, this week Canada is honoured by the visit of Bishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel peace prize. This morning when he met with a group of parliamentarians, Bishop Tutu pointed out that he would not be able to meet with a similar group in his own country of South Africa.

Because of its apartheid policy, South Africa does not even recognize Bishop Tutu as a citizen. Its new Constitution excludes 73 per cent of its population from any meaningful participation in national affairs. Only one sentence of it refers to blacks. It reads:

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All matters relating to Blacks will be dealt with by presidential decree.

Bishop Tutu has pointed out that apartheid will be dismantled, either by negotiation or by violence—but it will be dismantled.

Canada should hasten the negotiation process, and the chance for a peaceful solution, by applying economic pressure. Bishop Tutu himself cannot call for economic sanctions, since that would be an indictable offence which carries a minimum sentence of five years. But if Canadians do not want to be complicit in the injustice and inhumanity of apartheid, and if