

that all its members are killers just like those who put an end to Pierre Laporte's life, unscrupulous killers.

I am convinced that the FLQ leaders know everything, including the place where their bandits are hiding, and I submit, Mr. Speaker, that those leaders should immediately be brought before a firing squad and compelled to divulge everything about the activities, the structure and the existence of the FLQ movement, which is bent on destroying the free society in which we live. They should be compelled to denounce their killers, their bandits, on the threat of having 10 of their members executed for each person they kill.

The government knows who are the leaders of the FLQ. It should bring them before the firing squad, in order to put an end to this unspeakable terrorism in Quebec.

My words may sound harsh, Mr. Speaker, but I suggest that, if democracy does not defend itself, it will again be attacked within a few days or a few weeks.

The people of this country are sick and tired of FLQ activities which do not date back to only a month or two. You may blame as much as you like the distress of some people in certain areas of Canada for the existence of the FLQ, it is just not so. You may succeed in providing Canada with the best of societies, still the FLQ members will try and destroy it because their purpose is not to build but precisely to destroy, to foster hate and iniquity and to maintain an unbreathable atmosphere in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, in the last couple of days, I have received many telegrams referring to the stand we took immediately after the government and the Right. Hon. Prime Minister introduced this new legislation. Out of all those messages, only two take us to task for supporting the government.

The first telegram came from the Communist Party of Toronto, the Communist Party of Canada. The second, from the heads of the Federation of National Trade Unions and of the Quebec Labour Federation, from Mr. René Levesque and Mr. Claude Ryan, of *Le Devoir*, put the blame on Ottawa for the present situation.

Those are the people who are blaming us for taking the position everyone is aware of in regard to what is happening in our country. We must stand our ground. We must enact new legislation to ensure greater respect of individual freedom. We do not want a permanent police state, but neither do we want the people of Canada to feel that their rights are being encroached upon and that they are being deprived of their freedom.

In view of present developments, we believe the government will bring forward more appropriate legislation so that individuals—mothers, fathers, young people of both sexes, children may live free and secure in a country which deserves better than this weekend's tragic events.

Business of the House

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UNDERTAKING TO INTRODUCE BILL TO REPLACE WAR MEASURES ACT REGULATIONS

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a short statement having to do with the future business of the house. As background I wish to draw attention to a statement made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) on Friday last in the debate, with which we are all familiar. The Prime Minister said:

Following the passage of enough time to give the government the necessary experience to assess the type of statute which may be required in these circumstances, it is my firm intention to discuss with the leaders of the opposition parties the desirability of introducing legislation of a less comprehensive nature. In this respect I earnestly solicit from the leaders and from all hon. members constructive suggestions for the amendment of the regulations. Such suggestions will be given careful consideration for possible inclusion in any new statute.

I understand, Mr. Speaker, that letters have already been directed to the leaders of the opposition parties on this general question, indicating the willingness of the government to consider their suggestions.

At the same time, at the request of the government the Minister of Justice (Mr. Turner) has been working all week end with his officials with a view to determining when it might be possible to bring in the bill to which the Prime Minister referred in his statement. The Minister of Justice has now reported. In fact, he concluded his work at midnight last night and, as a result of his report, it will be possible to have such a bill prepared and we intend to introduce it for first reading in the House within a month.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: Naturally, Mr. Speaker, the present proclamation cannot be revoked until the new legislation is passed by Parliament. How long that will take in view of the importance of the legislation is very difficult to foresee and will depend on the time taken in proposing amendments, in discussion in this House and in the other place.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his statement. I think it goes to show the country that this House, like a family, can, when a crisis escalates and catastrophe threatens, draw together and present a common and united front to show the enemies within and the watchers without that strength can be used with moderation and reason.

What has been said by the minister makes some difference in the approach this party takes to the issue now before the House in the amendment which has been proposed, and before I sit down I intend to seek on behalf of the member who moved the amendment—he may have to do this himself—unanimous consent to withdraw it. This, of course, will make a difference in the support