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establish that system in our own country, thus setting an example for other countries. Above all, let us not abandon our people in trying to set an example for others, because that would not be fair.

We hear all kinds of complaints in this house. All hon. members have good intentions. Those of the Prime Minister are excellent. However, Mr. Speaker, hell is paved with good intentions. That does not solve the problem but the implementation of efficient measures would. With a specific program and our good will, we could solve the problems.

When the New Democratic party demands that Canadian forces be withdrawn from Europe, we, of the Ralliement Cr ditiste, agree with it, because we are in favour of withdrawing Canadian forces from wherever they are. If we do not have the money to enable our people to live, then we do not have any either to keep in foreign countries people who do not build anything.

First of all, if we had an economic system guaranteeing security and freedom to everyone, then the threat of war would disappear, understanding would prevail as well as co-operation between individuals; fraternizing between human beings would be made easier than when shortages are allowed to exist throughout the world.

We are in favour of helping needy countries such as India, Turkey, Greece, Iran, which could benefit from our help, but we must not, for all that, neglect our own citizens.

An old proverb says: Charity begins at home. We should therefore start with ourselves, not through selfishness, no, but to set an example for the others. Other countries must be helped, not only by giving them goods but by going over to show them how to do things, as Canadians do.

Yet, even here in Canada, we have any number of Canadians who know how to do many things, but who are not able to do them. Our unemployed, for instance, do not ask to live on unemployment insurance or on welfare.

When you consider that in Montreal alone you have 80,000 unemployed, and 30,000 or 35,000 families on social welfare, it seems as if it were high time to correct the situation. We should change living conditions while wishing the same for other peoples.

As for the Russians, as I said earlier, they do not so much try to win with the help of their guns than through their marxist philosophy.

To counteract this philosophy, we must have one of our own which should be extremely clear and able to ensure the freedom of the individual. That is what the Ralliement Cr ditiste has been putting forward in Canada, for the past 30 or 35 years but government and businessmen alike laugh at us when we ask that the public sector of our economy be financed through the Bank of Canada, without interest, as we finance other countries. Businessmen simply laugh at us for they would not make any profit out of that.

Those businessmen, however, are the same who control the economy of all the so-called free countries because all of them, without any exception, come and drink from the financial wealth of Washington.

A year ago, France, a member of NATO and economically, the strongest country in the world, was obliged by her great "General" to bow the knee to the World Bank, in order to salvage the franc.

This year, it was Western Germany that was supposed to be, economically speaking, the strongest country in the world, for businessmen had so decided. If, next year, the same businessmen decide to bring Western Germany down on her knees in front of the same powers, she will be declared an outcast and her monetary system will be on the rocks as was that of France a few months ago.

England has been through that, kneeling to ten finance controllers, to borrow \$3 billion. And all those countries are members of NATO.

And there is only bickering and squabbling and destitution more than ever. Why? It is very simple. It is because our system is a debt system. When we borrow \$1,000, we have to pay back \$2,000, which is practically a mathematical impossibility.

I gave previously the official figures concerning the cost of the famous Jacques-Cartier bridge in Montreal. The original cost was \$18 million; the interest has reached to date \$20 million and we still owe \$14 million on that bridge. Such a system discourages enterprise, discourages a country and drowns it in unpayable debts.

Our position in Canada is not much better. We benefit by the nearness of the United States, but we come under their direct influence. When a crisis develops in the United States, Canada feels its after-effects. If there is an economic boom there, there is also one in this country. If a war breaks out, we are also in it. If we withdraw troops, the United States say no.