

is this: Canadians—my people in Hamilton-Wentworth—have seen this Government in operation long enough. Hence, they seriously question which program might be adopted and what form those programs will take. They are also quite legitimately concerned about the time needed to put these programs into legislation and get the Bills passed. My God, Mr. Speaker, I knew when I started the process to enter Parliament exactly six years ago that the wheels of justice move slowly, but I realize now how much they are clogged with bureaucratic sludge.

As to addressing priorities or announcing new intentions, we on this side found very little in the Speech from the Throne. Yes, we heard the Government paying lip service to Canadians' most pressing problem, unemployment, but what we got really was an exercise in public relations.

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The most incredible act that we have had recently from this Government in terms of public relations was that Canadians are to experience yet another rerun of the Liberal budget which I dub "Marc III". Naturally it will be a pre-election budget replete with traditional Liberal goodies which will honour the likes of Walter Gordon and Donald Macdonald, not to mention the illustrious Member for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso (Mr. MacEachen). I have watched at least two dozen budgets in this House of Commons from the parliamentary press gallery, and then from my seat in this place representing Hamilton-Wentworth, for the past quarter of a century. I can testify that the Liberal Government's "Marc III" budget will contain all the goodies that are designed to attract the Canadian people and restore confidence in a Government that has in fact lost the confidence of the Canadian people. We can smell what is coming on the night of February 15, Mr. Speaker. We can only hope the people of Canada can detect what is under the Liberal perfume.

I wonder whether the Government, with its new budget, will have the remotest clue about the disturbing pattern which has been developing during this so-called year of recovery. We now have a rate of unemployment locked in at 11.1 per cent. The year of 1983 closed with an unemployment rate of 11.9 per cent. That means we had a falling behind in unemployment in terms of the growth in the labour force. We can talk statistics all we like, Mr. Speaker. The facts of unemployment are being graphically brought to life for all of us in the House of Commons. We are all hearing truly heartbreaking stories of small businesses, companies, farmers, skilled tradespersons and other qualified individuals who are being laid off, closed down and shut out because of the Government's economic policies. We often lose sight of the fact that behind the usual monthly statistics of the number of people out of work are human beings like you and me, like the Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey), the Hon. Member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle) and the Member for Niagara Falls (Mr. McBain). I hope in some of those cases that some of them will not be out of work after the next election.

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However, we seem to forget the fact that the people who are unemployed are human beings with human problems and potential human tragedies. We casually forget that there are 1.3 million people in this country who are without work, and we all know that the real figure is probably more like 2 million Canadians. Many of them are long-term unemployed. We forget the fact that there are over 500,000 young people in this country who are unemployed. It is a very unhappy situation which is confirmed by the OECD which tells us that economists predict that youth unemployment will average about 20 per cent in Canada in 1984 and 1985. This illustrates how urgently we in this country need meaningful youth programs with moneys recycled from other existing programs.

During my last few moments, Mr. Speaker, I would like to deal with the issue of pornography. This is a tremendously important issue to a great many Canadians. We in our Party, and all politicians in this country, will have to come to grips with this issue, and quickly. Because so many people feel strongly about the uncontrolled spread of pornographic material in this country, I would like to make some recommendations.

Many federal Government Departments are involved in the pornography issue. The Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission, which controls what is allowed on the air, the Department of National Revenue, which determines what material is allowed into the country, and ultimately the whole Government of Canada in concert with the provinces will have to become involved in how loose the controls should be on the display of pornographic material in this country.

We need a 1984 definition of obscenity, Mr. Speaker. I am not certain that former Justice Minister Davie Fulton's idea of "leave it to local community standards" is effective anymore in our local and global village. There are no more borders, boundaries or moral exceptions in terms of what can be produced. Anything can be beamed 24,000 miles up by a signal to a satellite and received 24,000 miles back down on your family room TV set by a dish a little bit larger than a dinner plate. That "gee-whiz" technology is exciting but it is frightening. We must talk about it.

I am recommending to the House and to the country that we mount a three-level governmental assault on the proliferation of pornography in Canada. I would like to see a national federal-provincial-municipal conference with regional chairpersons involved, where regional governments are set up, to show that all politicians' noses at all levels of government are pointed in the same direction to curb pornography in Canada.

I would not be talking about this matter, Mr. Speaker, had the special subcommittee looking into sexually abusive broadcasting not lapsed into limbo. This Parliament has been in its new session since December 7, 1983. We have yet to hear of a full meeting of the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture being called, let alone any word of that Standing Committee reconstituting the special subcommittee on the subject matter of Bill C-675 in the name of the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald). Since I cannot be