

### *Olympic Bill*

people. I am sure many were disturbed by the accounting used for Expo. There is no question that there is still great doubt in the minds of the people about who paid for what, and how much. The accounting for Expo was never fully given to parliament. We made payments to Expo on a number of occasions and under different guises, but I am not sure whether we ever found out how much it actually cost.

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I think that once we decide to have the Olympics, whatever the amount of money involved, be it \$200 million, \$400 million or whatever is necessary, everything should be in the open. In the normal way we should allow Montreal and the Olympic committee to circulate medallions, as other organizations do, which have no monetary value. In that way we would make a contribution as Canadians.

People from Africa, Asia and every country of the world, particularly areas which are not as sophisticated as Canada, will be very perplexed about the division between the national government, the provincial government and the municipal governments. It is all right to say that the national government is not participating, or that the provincial government is not participating and that this is a city event being put on by Montreal. When Mexico put on the Olympic games we were of the opinion that they were being put on by Mexico and not Mexico City. The riots which took place reflected on all Mexicans and not just the people of Mexico City.

When the Olympics were held in Japan, I am sure everyone knew the games were held at Osaka, but they knew also that was the year of the Japanese Olympic games and that every Japanese person had to take responsibility for the success or failure of those games. Black September reflected not only on the citizens of Munich but also on the people of Germany. Last month when he visited Israel, the president of Germany apologized not on behalf of the city of Munich but on behalf of all the people of the Republic of West Germany for the atrocity which took place. I am told that Willy Brandt is the Chancellor, not the president. This is a distinction which would be understood, I suppose, by some of my learned colleagues who understand other governments better than I do. However, I should like to put his position properly on the record. I might say that Willy Brandt, as Chancellor of West Germany, has something in common with the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), both being chancellors in their own right.

The point I was trying to make is that we are drawing a fine distinction if we think about Olympic games in this country being related to a city government rather than a Canadian, national responsibility. I, as a Canadian, and all other Canadians will have a responsibility to see that people coming to this country are hosted in the best manner possible, are treated in the best manner possible and that if necessary the games are financed in a fair and reasonable way.

This raises the point of choosing the site for the Olympics. I think it is a disgrace when a crackpot like Campbell of Vancouver, and to some extent Drapeau, are involved in these things. Drapeau certainly is less than responsible on

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most occasions. He was the founder of the October revolution. When a municipal election was held he figured it would be a hell of a good idea to have the War Measures Act. He is pretty irresponsible. He became involved in a competition for the Olympic games, and got them.

I have no objection to the games being held in Montreal but I do object to the way they were obtained. The people of Montreal should have had something to say about this. For years Drapeau has saddled the people of Montreal with grandiose schemes, the game as Camilien Houde did before him. The people of Montreal have suffered because of these grandiose schemes organized by an elite group in that city. This is unfortunate and will reflect eventually on the rest of us because the price will have to be paid. That is why this crackpot scheme of distributing coins and stamps to cover an expenditure of \$200 million or \$300 million is a national disgrace. It is also a national disgrace that the government is allowing this situation to occur. The government either does not understand or does not give a damn. Surely the government could inquire of the Mint, the same as I did, and find out that there is no possibility that there will be sales in the amount suggested by the Olympic committee, or that the amount of money suggested will find its way back into the treasury.

Let us be honest. Let us make a decision that we will support the Olympics. Let us make a decision that we will do something socially and economically for the communities of Montreal. Let us participate and decide that the money we spend in this area will be spent in the best interests of the people of the area, and that whatever is left will not result in a restaurant for the mayor of Montreal or for some other person. We had an international disgrace after Expo. The law states that Expo was to be terminated and that St. Helen's Island was to be returned to the people in its original condition. We did not carry out that condition; we allowed Mayor Drapeau to continue Expo forever.

Mayor Drapeau has done things which no government could properly support. He has been bailed out on many occasions by this government. He is still a Conservative. What kind of a game is the Liberal Party in Montreal playing, when Mr. Drapeau and Mr. Diefenbaker can make the decision collectively and brag that they are able to do it? No one else can get away with this. Surely the President of the Treasury Board has a responsibility, surely the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) has a responsibility, surely we have a responsibility to the Canadian public. If the government decides to have some input, if it decides that some of the Olympic games should be spread out into other areas, or if it decides that it should make a contribution in a direct rather than an indirect way, it is my opinion that the Canadian public all across this nation would support the Olympic games as Canadian games.

At the present time the people of Canada are disillusioned about the whole procedure of the Olympic games. This government will not act even in the amateur sports field to protect our young people from being sucked into the highly paid fields of hockey. The government says it has not had a meeting with the amateur sports people, the WHA or the NHL and therefore cannot make a decision. As well as great disillusionment in this country, there is considerable resentment against Montreal having these