

*Government Orders*

In a letter dated April 27 a constituent wrote:

Dear Jesse:

I called the Department of Communications today and I spoke to the inspector I have been communicating back and forth with and once again I mentioned to him about Chicono, the ham licence operator who is still getting on the CB radio and making the noise that he is not supposed to be making. Tony, the inspector, said that he paid this guy a visit and was told to get the f out of here. Tony said that he had to leave as there is nothing else that he could do.

Jesse, this is wrong. Here is a person who paid for a ham licence and he gets away in talking this way to a guy who works for the government. Yet he can still keep his licence. What kind of world are we living in?

Yes, Canadians are asking what kind of world are we living in. What kind of society are we building? We were categorized as the number one country by the United Nations in 1992. If this government continues any longer will we get that distinction again? I doubt it. We will probably be in 25th or 30th place. Let us clean up our act. Hopefully this bill will help us in this regard.

I would like to refer to another issue I am pleased the bill addresses. It addresses the whole area of electronic surveillance used by the police. The hands of the police are being tied more and more.

• (1715 )

When I have town hall meetings with ratepayers the police are invited from No. 11 Division and No. 14 Division. I talk to the police individually and in groups with the community. There is no greater co-operation among police, educators, ratepayers and businesses than I have in Parkdale—High Park.

Every time we have these meetings we end up with frustration because the police say: "I lay a charge and I see the offender on the street the next morning". Some say: "I lay a charge and I see the person prostituting the same evening". They know who are the drug pushers. They know who are the purchasers but it is the pushers they are after. They cannot make charges stick. It goes to the courts and there is not enough evidence. The judge throws it out. After a while I am sure the police must throw up their hands and ask: "What is the use?"

I am all for anything in this bill that will allow police to use electronic surveillance where there is a potentially dangerous situation. Anything in this legislation that will allow judges to authorize such surveillance with the

consent of one of the parties involved in the surveillance has my full support. I am all for anything in this legislation and in the amendments that are brought in to allow judges to issue similar authorization in other circumstances where it is clear the request for authorization meets the tests prescribed in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I have a great concern about our Charter of Rights and Freedoms for which I spoke in caucus. I fought very hard for some items to be included in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Our own party constitution respects the rights of the individual. I joined the Liberal Party so that I could represent the whole spectrum of society. I do not have to take my orders from the multinationals. I do not have to take my orders from the big unions. I can respect the rights of the individual by representing the individual as a Liberal member.

I am concerned whether we have gone too far in granting individual rights to people. Have we forgotten about the rights of the community? Have we forgotten about the rights of the family which is falling apart more and more? Maybe we had better rethink our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Maybe we had better even rethink our constitutions in our parties.

We cannot look at the rights of the individual at the expense of the poor victims, of the poor children who are being sexually molested as infants. Child pornography is coming into this country. Why are we so helpless? Why are we so gutless that we cannot even stop that literature from coming into our country? Where are the standards of this country? We all have to take blame; you in that chair, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues in my party, my colleagues in the Conservative Party and my colleagues in the New Democratic Party. We all have to share a bit of responsibility. If have we allowed this country to lower our standards to that level then I share some of the blame.

I hope everyone will look at Bill C-109. I hope they will support all the clauses which give the police more teeth. Enough is enough. We cannot send our police out without any tools. Let us give them back the tools they once had and they want. It is not only the police. The community wants the police to have these tools or this authority.