

the apricot trees. The jam I had was canned in Salinas, California, and it was labelled in Spanish and Japanese. Industries are moving rapidly out of Canada. We have a crisis here.

I met with the Unemployed Action Alliance in Niagara Falls, and I predict that we are going to see a much more militant group. I will tell you how bad it is. I met with a minister in Windsor and he said that the teacher told his eldest son: "It's too bad, boy, that you were born when you were born". And the boy came home and said to his father: "My young brother, was he born at a better time?" I mean, that is a real tragedy. We have youths sitting at home because they cannot get a job. They cannot get Unemployment Insurance. They cannot get welfare. They are at the charity of their families. You know what it is like if you have a post-teenager, early twenties, sitting around home. He or she should not be sitting around home but should be out on their own.

I kept running into all those difficulties. I cannot go into the full details but maybe I can summarize a little. The Mayor's committee on unemployment in Hamilton has good people, Liberals, Conservatives, New Democrats, people of all stripes trying to face this thing. They are telling us that we have got to have co-operation, and I agree with some of the Members who said that. When I met with the Mayor's committee, we had delegations there. Again they told me there is no economic upturn. They told me they were losing jobs. They asked about "Buy Canadian" policies, and what can we do about that. They asked about dumping of foreign goods and so on, and that is only natural.

They talked about some other things, too. They talked about a shorter work week. We have got to face that. We faced it before when we went from a 60-hour week to a 40-hour week. We have to face it in terms of perhaps getting more money to the people if they are only going to work three days a week. They talked about early retirement and maybe we have to go into that in a much bigger way. After all, there are some people that have their houses paid for while there are young families who have a house and a mortgage and the breadwinner is unemployed.

Let me tell the Liberal Government that this is not just the bottom of society, what Marx would call the *lumpen-proletariat*; this is the middle class now that is unemployed. This is going to have serious political repercussions for the Government.

We talked about retraining. We have to look at our retraining system again. We have to look at our Government sourcing systems again. In short, we have a national work crisis in Canada. It is there and we have to deal with it. It is hurting labour.

In Windsor, after the settlement with the auto workers, Chrysler has literally been taking all the jobs out of Windsor and sending them back to the United States. They are going to devastate Windsor. They are taking away all the parts jobs and now all we do is construct cars in Canada. We have to face that.

We have to face technological change. It is going to affect women in the workplace, women in offices. We are going to have the new technological office. Instead of hiring another

secretary, my former law partners are probably going to have a machine when they expand. What are we going to do with these people? This is the kind of thing that the Catholic Bishops were getting at.

The Catholic Bishops talked about a different society and perhaps I can conclude by saying something about that. I want to refer to some remarks the Hon. Member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper) made, and I am speaking for myself here. I do not believe in big Government either. I think unions have their role in Government but we do not have to be totally subservient to the big unions either. We need economic democracy in this country. We need to focus, I might say with respect to the Hon. Member for Edmonton South, not on the megaprojects. We have \$1 billion spent on northeast coal in British Columbia. It is costing about \$1 million per job. We should be looking at a community model, at a local model which people can relate to. The Hon. Member can understand that.

For example, co-ops can be producing food locally. There are local energy producers; there are all kinds of things we have not thought of. We should be looking at the "small is beautiful" philosophy. We should be trying to give people power. Crown corporations are the reason I raised the question today in the House of Commons about the Challenger matter.

I started my political career by challenging B.C. Hydro in Vancouver to try to give people some power in running that vast corporation. We should be speaking about decentralizing the Government, not centralist economic issues. We should be getting into health issues. We should be dealing with co-ops and housing. We can do much more in housing. There is a position for unions. Unions should co-operate with Government and with business. These are all the things that we are saying.

What the Bishops are getting at, as I said, is that Liberalism in the sense of large Ottawa Liberalism—I do not use that for the riding or the area, I use it in terms of the kind of zigzagging economic planning that we have had—is dead. It is finished. Whether you are on the right or whether you are on the left, as I am, you have to look at a whole new society.

Let me conclude by saying that what the Bishops said is really not new. Canadian poets and writers have said it. F. R. Scott is a good example. We as a Party in the NDP have said this for years. Frank Scott wrote a poem entitled "Laurentide". He said that Canada is a large country, silent, awaiting the struggle. Well, the struggle has come. The new era in economics has come and if we do not grasp it with an industrial strategy, then we are going to have a permanent unemployment rate of 15 or 20 per cent. As the bishops have said that will be a human tragedy.

In conclusion, last December the Bishops called high unemployment in a country of Canada's wealth immoral. We in the NDP agree with that. That is why we brought this resolution forward. What the Bishops have said and what I think we should be thinking of putting into practice is that a right to labour and to economic well-being is just as much a