

right into the ground. Mr. Speaker, they curtail an industry's operations then after blame it because it does not work. The board has a socialist duty to do. That is why it has been created. Inflation is only an excuse for its institution. Inflation is only an excuse for the government to create a board which will certainly control the whole economy. The collective agreements which the Minister of Environment (Mr. Marchand) just mentioned—or which he is dreaming about—have disappeared from our employer-employee relation system because the government cannot give any guarantee as to when the right to negotiate will be there again.

Mr. Speaker, they would have us believe that the Anti-Inflation Board was a temporary measure. Maybe it will be temporary but the tentacles and the traces it will have engendered will remain as long as other much more realistic, more sensible and less socialist economic measures are not devised to stimulate the general economy. The Anti-Inflation Board could have tackled the monopoly of finance which is causing our current economic confusion and inflation. We do not control causes of inflation but the results.

We will have to deal with the consequences of a bad financial system monopolized by the banks which today endangers the private sector by causing inflation. Bank monopolies make billions in profits every year but the board will not touch them. It would much rather concentrate on the few hundred thousand dollars of profit in the private sector.

The government wanted to lay its hands on our production system in Canada and the best way to succeed was to create an Anti-Inflation Board to harass the private sector which has already been affected by the bank monopoly. There are a number of businessmen who have now acquired the mentality of those who live off the welfare system. They have no more motivation, no sense of risk, no love for work left. They were ready to invest more in the economy of the country, but to do so they would have needed the confidence of the government. Governments should treat them as responsible individuals, responsible for our production and not for causing inflation, as the Anti-Inflation Board seems ready to do. Facing the socialist threat of our present government, they are ready to liquidate their business, restrain their activities, reduce their risks and emigrate somewhere else, as many others have done in the last five years.

When they see our government ministers, or the right hon. Prime Minister on television, or when they read the newspapers which are constantly telling us that we are going towards a new society, Mr. Speaker, businessmen in Canada soon understand that Mr. Trudeau's new society is a socialist one and this is why all sense of risk and all motivation in business tend to disappear.

We are strongly opposed to the last decision of the socialist board of Mr. Pepin which levied a \$125,000 fine against the Irving Pulp and Paper Company. Not because this fine will bankrupt the Irving Company but on a question of principle. The Irving Company wanted its employees to share the profits but the board has just directly penalized the Company and fined it and indirectly fined its employees as well.

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Irving Pulp and Paper Limited has just been fined directly, as well as its employees and pulp and paper workers in Canada. Mr. Speaker, that Anti-Inflation Board is an almighty bureaucracy and I wonder how far the government will go in bureaucracy in its future decisions. In certain socialist countries, we saw management-labour relations disappear from collective agreements; they disappeared and were replaced by bureaucracy.

A little later, justice disappeared and was replaced by bureaucracy. Well, Mr. Speaker, when a country takes the road toward socialist bureaucracy, there is no limit and that is why we Social Crediters voted against the anti-inflation legislation. We are against inflation, but we are also against the steps taken by the government because as days go by, the board will increasingly give disappointing results. It will give everyone a bad time and will not control inflation because it will not deal with its causes, but only its consequences.

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Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, a few moments ago we had the unusual pleasure of listening to the rhetorical flights of the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Marchand). I must say I enjoy a good speech as much as anyone else, but I would have enjoyed his speech much more if he had stuck to the point of the resolution before the House.

This resolution is important. It talks about the breakdown in our society of the relationship between the various elements of society. One of those important elements is organized labour. Others are management, government, business and industry. However, what the minister talked about was the failure of or the difficulties in the adversary system. He talked about confrontation and about the intervention of parliament into organized labour-management matters, as we have had to do from time to time, and every time we have done that we have really stuck a dagger into the heart of the collective bargaining process in Canada. When we have had to do that, something has broken down.

An hon. Member: Oh, oh!

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): I do not expect the hon. member sitting groaning in the background to understand this at all, but I do expect him at least to listen.

An hon. Member: Stick to your notes. If the minister did not speak to the point, why don't you?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please. The hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) has the floor, and I wish he would stick to the subject.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): The itinerant professor from the backbenches is interrupting the debate again, and I am sure he does not intend to add anything more to the debate than perhaps the occasional "hear, hear" or "no, no", and in terms of this debate he will go down in history recorded in that way, as he did yesterday.

Of course the system is imperfect. That is really what the minister was saying. He talked about intervention in the system, but what is happening here, and what worries