

**Mr. Nielsen:** Honourable guys.

**Mr. Simmons:** One day they lambaste us for not keeping commitments. Today in his preamble the hon. member deplored the government for keeping a promise. We happen to be proud of keeping our promises.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Simmons:** One commitment we kept recently was to increase the guaranteed income supplement by \$35. That is not news to this House. This House participated in it. What might be news to this House, and therefore I wish to get it into the record, is what the Tory government of Ontario has done since that increase came in. It moved to take some, and in some cases all of the increase back from the recipients of the GIS.

**Some hon. Members:** Shame.

**Mr. Simmons:** The Tory government in Ontario raised the rents in senior citizen homes by \$18 a month in the past few days. How can you win? The great Liberal government wanted to do right for the people of Canada, but how can you win with so many Tory governments out there taking out of their left hands what they just received in their right hands? I am talking about the ordinary people across this country. It is shameful.

I say to the hon. member for Assiniboia that there are all kinds of examples of what this government is doing with the people's money. There are very good examples. I have just given one. I make a bargain with the hon. member; I will undertake, as my own personal crusade, to see that the money over here is spent even better, if he will talk to his Tory friends across the country, like Bill Davis in Ontario, who are gouging the senior citizens. How can we help them when Bill Davis insists on taking it away from them?

I make a deal with the Tory member for Assiniboia, that he talk to the Bill Davis' of this country and I will talk to the ministers of finance of this country as well as to the people of my caucus. That is a fair deal. Now for the NDP—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Simmons:** What they lack in quality tonight they make up in quantity. I am glad the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae) has come back into the chamber because he is the one who preceded me when speaking to this particular bill. The gentleman from Broadview-Greenwood is the armchair socialist in the NDP. The old enthusiasm has gone. It is not there any more. He has no more heart for it, not the same fire in the gut as he used to have. That happens to all armchair socialists. It happens to all those intellectuals who have it up here but do not believe in the cause. Around him, though, are some real socialists. I learned from the papers in the last day or two that the hon. member's leader is a real socialist. He is going over to Oslo to attend a meeting of the SI—the press release from NDP headquarters did not bother to mention what the SI is, but apparently the letters stand for

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Socialist International. So there are some socialists in the NDP.

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**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Simmons:** I don't know what the socialist from Oshawa is going to do when he gets over there, I don't know where he stands on the views of the Dominican Revolutionary Party—they are members of the Socialist International, too—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Simmons:**—or the socialist workers party from Luxembourg. I am sure he will have a lot in common with them and I hope he will be able to throw some light on their discussions. And what about the unitary socialist party of San Marino, or the National Liberation Party of Costa Rica, or the National Revolutionary Movement of El Salvador?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Simmons:** Bedfellows all!

**Mr. Rae:** Do you like the generals in Latin America? Are they better?

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Simmons:** But while there are socialists in the NDP there are also quasi-socialists, armchair socialists.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I know it is difficult for you, but it is most unseemly that lovers should quarrel that way.

**An hon. Member:** What a contribution!

**Mr. Simmons:** I thank the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) for coming in. He is a bit late, but he has obviously dined well. Welcome anyway. We have a few minutes left before we close down for the night. Nice of the hon. member to drop in.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Knowles:** What about Bill C-30?

**Mr. Simmons:** The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) wants to talk about Bill C-30. I have a few things to say about that but as a preliminary to answering the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae) I was attempting to assess the vantage point he speaks from. It is not the vantage point of a socialist who skips all over the world, attending conferences in Oslo with his brethren from El Salvador and other places. He speaks from the perspective of an armchair socialist—one who thinks about these things but does not feel them very much.

**An hon. Member:** How do you know?