

The Address—Mr. Howe

guided into productive channels by a very tight system of controls. I can say that in spite of our high production, in spite of the strain on our supplies of raw materials, I know of no industrial war production that was interfered with through lack of material requirements. Of course, I am talking of production essential to the war.

While I am referring to controls I might say a word about the remarks made on Saturday last by the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew). I believe the following was his statement:

We are in a very real danger of losing that fight to the bureaucrats who accept the basic philosophy of Karl Marx no matter what political name they may adopt.

Then he said later:

—I was referring to the appointment of controllers, priority officials and the people who are not his senior civil servants.

Inasmuch as the controllers and priorities officers are officers of my department, I should like to tell the house who they are and ask the leader of the opposition to pick out those who are followers of Karl Marx. At the present time there are four officers in that category.

One is W. E. Uren, who for the past eight years has been director of priorities. I have not noticed any tendency on his part to follow the doctrines of Karl Marx. The steel controller is Fred Ashbaugh, who has been associated with this work during the war period and subsequently. The timber controller is Gordon Rochester, a permanent civil servant, who has been administering the control since the war years. There is one other officer who might be classed as a controller. I refer to John Berry, the director of part III of the emergency conservation program.

The leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) may have referred to an earlier period. Perhaps it may be of interest to the members of the house if I give him a list of former controllers. The first is H. R. MacMillan, timber controller. Then there are George Cottrelle, oil controller; Allan Williamson, of Wood Gundy and Company, controller of supply; R. C. Berkinshaw, president and general manager of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company; Gerald Godsoe; Henry Borden, co-ordinator of controls for a considerable period; Fred Kilbourn, steel controller; Hugh Scully, also at one time steel controller; Mr. Nicholson, who was a defeated Conservative candidate in the last election; the late Tillie Sterne, who was chemicals controller; J. R. Donald, controller of explosives, and George Gray. When I finish the list I shall ask the hon. gentleman to rise and tell me which ones he was referring to. George Bateman was metals controller; Fred Connell, metals controller;

E. J. Brunning, coal controller; Martin Hoey, steel controller; J. A. Martin, rubber controller. That is the list of controllers, past and present.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Name them.

Mr. Graydon: You fellows keep quiet.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Graydon: The wailing of the lost.

Mr. Drew: It is quite obvious that the minister knows as little about this as he does about electricity.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Drew: The minister quite obviously did not take the trouble to find out what had been said, because what I was pointing out was that these controllers have the right to delegate authority without any responsibility.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Howe: And I delegated authority to the controllers.

Mr. Drew: As far as that is concerned, the minister, in a very kind way, pointed out certain men who were Conservatives, and that—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I do not think that the leader of the opposition should take this opportunity to make a statement. I understand he has been invited by the minister, who has the floor, to answer the question put to him.

Mr. Graydon: He is answering the question.

Mr. Howe: I see my hon. friend is not going to make an answer.

Mr. Graydon: Sit down; you cannot take it.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows perfectly well that the rule is that a member who is speaking may not be interrupted without his permission. If the minister, who has the floor, wants to extend to the leader of the opposition an opportunity to answer the question it is his privilege. If the leader of the opposition does not want to do so, then the minister may carry on with his speech.

Mr. Graydon: That is a hit and run business.

An hon. Member: He is getting cold feet.

Mr. Drew: Now tell us about water power.

Mr. Howe: I asked him for names; I did not ask him to make a speech, which he has done on every occasion in this debate.