

*The Address—Mr. Macaluso*

It would provide technical assistance and information which would include a clearing house service to aid provincial and municipal governments in developing solutions to community and metropolitan development problems. It would conduct continuing comprehensive studies and make available findings with respect to problems of housing and urban development.

Certainly in the field of research and trained personnel increased research is essential to identify and better understand the forces causing the problems of central city deterioration and suburban sprawl and to provide a basis for program improvements which will bring about workable solutions. The federal government should establish a fund for urban studies so that grants could be made to the various universities for the creation of institutes and special programs devoted to research and teaching of urban affairs.

The problems of urban areas are of increasing scope and complexity. Our universities must be major participants in this respect and must establish centres where there will be accumulated the best data and analyses available. They must also be actively engaged in the training of men and women in urban culture and its problems.

Third, as I said in a speech on April 20 this year dealing with urban transportation, there should be a federal-provincial conference on urban affairs to set up task forces to study the various aspects of urban problems. Those taking part in these task forces should include federal, provincial and municipal government experts, various non-governmental experts and members of the general public. They should be commissioned to search out immediate and long-range needs and to suggest solutions. I was pleased to see in the speech made by the Prime Minister that this is being considered by the government.

With regard to urban transportation there is an immediate need for the establishment of a transportation policy for both intercity and intracity communication. I certainly hope, with the new commission set up under the national transportation legislation, that the research branch might be able to undertake this. Provision of mass transit in cities goes completely unaided by government despite the fact that it often is penalized through taxation while other modes have all kinds of subsidies. Thus, a program of mass transit assistance by the federal government is important. The federal government should undertake establishment of a research centre in

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urban mass transit and undertake a demonstration project to test out alternatives.

There is a national interest involved in the sound economic development and redevelopment of Canada's urban areas. Our Canadian cities are afflicted by a wide variety of serious problems growing out of a tidal wave of urbanization, industrialization and metropolitan population redistribution. Unfortunately they have been unable by themselves to find adequate solutions to these problems because of financial and jurisdictional limitations.

The responsibilities of the federal government lie in promoting balanced economic growth in Canada. The cities have become the sources of the fastest growth in the Canadian economy. Thus, federal spending on urban matters can be used as an instrument of national policy and federal expression of commitment to material growth, for it is in the urban areas of Canada that the main potentialities of economic growth lie.

The people of Canada have a right to expect the parliament of Canada to do what it was ordered to do, that is, to promote the general welfare of Canadians as a whole. But we are not going to accomplish any of this or do what we want to do unless we work together. Benjamin Franklin said, "You either have to hang together or you are going to hang separately". We either do things together or we do not do them at all. There is not a single problem confronting this nation today of any size which does not require the combined resources of public and private endeavours of the Canadian community—not one. The problems of water pollution cannot be solved by government. The problems of slum clearance cannot be solved by government. The problems of jobs and job opportunities cannot be solved by government. We cannot name one single problem that we can solve in Ottawa, in the provincial capitals, or in the city halls. We cannot solve the problems alone.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Macaluso:** Mr. Speaker, I have just one more sentence if I may be permitted to continue.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Has the hon. member the permission of the house to continue?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Macaluso:** Mr. Speaker, we will be judged as a people by how well we handle the next phase of urban development. I believe