

• (8:20 p.m.)

It is interesting to note that the N.D.P. has become concerned all of a sudden about western farmers. That party has long been associated with the C.C.F. party, and as I say these words I am looking directly at the leader of the old C.C.F. party. That party was founded when we had the agrarian revolution of the 1930's. The N.D.P. party has completely changed in its aims. The aims of that party are not what the aims of the C.C.F. party were.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Nonsense.

Mr. Horner: The N.D.P. party has completely changed—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Since the letters N.D.P. mean New Democratic Party, I wonder if the hon. member would confine himself to saying N.D.P. instead of N.D.P. party.

Mr. Asselin: Those letters stand for "no down payment".

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre is very touchy.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Not touchy, just tired of listening to nonsense.

Mr. Horner: Instead of being the party of the public conscience the N.D.P. is a poorly disguised trade union lobby in the House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Horner: The disguise is poor because the political marriage between the farmer and organized labour unions which these marrying Sams performed—and that remark may apply to the hon. member who interrupted me a moment ago—is the biggest sham on the Canadian scene. Since when have farmers shared a common interest with organized labour unions? How many times have organized labour unions held up the marketing of our farmers' wheat? The Minister of Agriculture has told us that the chief problem confronting our farmers lies in the marketing of wheat or in the marketing of farm products. These marrying Sams prevent the marketing of our farm products.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Bunk, pure bunk.

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Mr. Horner: Is it bunk now? Did not 400 trade union members in Vancouver hold up the marketing of wheat two years ago? Did the unions on the east coast not hold up the marketing of grain for a number of years? Does the hon. member want me to quote from the report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture?

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Perhaps the hon. member will find the right page this time.

Mr. Horner: I think I can find it. The Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board has suggested that unions have held up no less than 14 different commitments for the sale of grain. That happened two years ago. Members of the N.D.P., in my opinion, are nothing other than lobbyists in this house for the trade union movement. They are controlled by the trade unions. If hon. members do not believe me I ask them to consult the former member for Assiniboia, who at one time was N.D.P. house leader here.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): You consult him.

Mr. Horner: I now wish to deal a little more explicitly with problems Canada faces in international markets. The Minister of Agriculture suggested that we had a good thing in the International Grains Agreement and that the best thing Canada could do was get back on the tracks and abide by the terms of that agreement. Is that a correct assessment, I wonder? May I read from the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order please. I must interrupt the hon. member and bring to the attention of the house that the hon. member's time is exhausted.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): So are we, but carry on.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the hon. member to carry on?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Horner: I wish to thank hon. members of the house for their courtesy, Mr. Speaker. I will try to be brief. At page 1663 of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Standing Committee on Agriculture Mr. McNamara is reported as having said:

Mr. Chairman, as I mentioned a few minutes ago, under the IWA only No. 1 Northern was a named