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The reaction from other hon. members has also been disappointing. We have heard words of deep bitterness from members opposite. The words have been provocative rather than intending to find some solution. We have seen the Nazi salute given. Members of this house have been called fascists. Those things do nothing to enhance this parliament.

Mr. Bell: Who started it?

Mr. Hogarth: I want hon. members to know, Mr. Speaker, that as far as those words and gestures are concerned, they do not anger or embitter me or other members of this government. I reflect with sorrow on the effect to which they will extend and promote the degradation of the science of politics in Canada today, particularly dealing with the threat of working to rule.

An hon. Member: What about the Justice Committee?

Mr. Hogarth: I can think of countless instances in the Justice Committee of give and take and if the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) and the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert) were here they would support me on this. There were no party politics.

An hon. Member: You destroyed all that.

Mr. Hogarth: There was no work to rule in this committee. All points of view were considered. Opposition amendments were sometimes recommended far more rapidly than those put forward by government members. What is going to happen and what did happen in that committee? We did not work to rule. Will we have to work with this threat being held over our heads? Injustice will be served.

I hope in the next session we will have another Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. We have some very interesting legislative programs to bring forward. We must again serve justice. If we are going to be faced with working to rule, this parliament will not be serving the people of Canada.

I am a member of the Fisheries Committee. We went on a trip out west. I see the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) here.

Mr. McGrath: I didn't go west.

Mr. Hogarth: I was going to talk about the seal hunt when I referred to you.

Mr. Baldwin: There are the seals, over there!

Mr. Hogarth: In any event it was the member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Lundrigan) who went west. He has gone east tonight. If, when we went west, we had worked to rule and demanded that all the rules of the committee be enforced properly, I wonder if the people of western Canada would have presented so many briefs to our committee? I wonder what they would have thought of parliament if we had been quibbling about politics in this committee? I know a couple of issues that would not have got through. We would have been lynched.

An hon. Member: You might still be lynched.

Mr. Hogarth: My reaction is this, Mr. Speaker. There will be no confrontation by me during the next session. There can be no work to rule and frustration of good ideas. I say, Mr. Speaker, that only good will can bring about good government.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hogarth: I say that only good rules can provide effective legislation. Backbenchers on the government side, considering their position and desire for freedom of speech and knowing that they will have to face the electorate when the time comes, have to make sure that it is not the government house leader that is going to fix the time for debate. They are going to make sure in caucus that there is ample time for everybody. We should not be here to promote the political ambitions of our independent parties over and above our obligation to serve the people of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hogarth: It is regrettable that no solution was found in the negotiations that went on for so long with respect to this particular rule. It is regrettable that these proposals were met with filibuster and useless debate. However, the ultimate aim and objective of the majority must be carried out. It must be carried out in the manner that majority requires to have an effective parliament with effective legislation providing good and just laws for the people of Canada. If at the end of the time we have been sent here to serve the people of Canada it is proven we are wrong, we will not be back.

I do not pretend, as many members have done yesterday and today, to be an experienced politician. I do not pretend to be