Mr. Howard: We are voting against you.

Mr. Douglas: The hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Hellyer) this afternoon said they had a leader who is not afraid to take a stand. The obvious answer, Mr. Speaker, is "for how long?"

A bulletin put out by the Canadian committee for nuclear disarmament quotes a statement by the Leader of the Opposition in January of 1961, when speaking to the Liberal men's club of Vancouver, as follows:

> Canada must remain a non-nuclear power. By doing so, Canada can lead the middle powers in the struggle to abolish nuclear weapons and eventually all armaments. I don't believe we need the Bomarc, which is not an effective defence in any sense, and will probably be scrapped by the U.S. one of these days.

There is no suggestion in this statement that we have commitments which we must honour. There is no statement there that, since the government has committed us to nuclear weapons, we must accept them. When the Leader of the Opposition made that statement and other statements we were just as much committed as we are at the present time.

The Leader of the Opposition this afternoon tried to drag a red herring across the trail. He said that we do not want to leave our forces without effective weapons. But, Mr. Speaker, anyone who listened to "Viewpoint" last night and the talk by Paul Simon of Toronto knows that he quoted from the military journals of the United States and the textbooks of the Pentagon to show that in the case of the Bomarc, the Voodoo plane, the Honest John rocket and the F-104 all of them can use conventional weapons, as well as nuclear weapons, with deadly effect, and that it is simply beside the point to argue that we are leaving our forces without effective weapons. This is merely swallowing the propaganda of the military-industrial complex which has terrific propaganda power on this continent.

Since under the rules of the house we must take a vote in a few minutes, I want to say that as far as this party is concerned we feel that the time has come when the people of Canada should have the chance to elect a new government and a new parliament. We in this party hope to give them the chance to elect a government that will so plan the economy of this nation that the major economic decisions affecting the people of Canada will be made by the people of Canada themselves, to so plan the economy of this country that we will have economic growth and that the increased production will be used to raise the living standards of the people of this country, to elect a government that will bring this country into line with the high standards of welfare, health and federal assistance to education which have already been undertaken by some of the other countries in the western world. Above all, Mr. Speaker, we need a government which is prepared to pledge itself to a non-nuclear role for Canada so that this country can make its contribution to world peace by strengthening the United Nations, by giving of our personnel and our resources to raise living standards throughout the world. Mr. Speaker, we suggest that the hour of decision has come. Let the people decide.

Mr. Speaker: Order. It being 8.15 o'clock in the evening it is my duty, pursuant to section 4 (d) of standing order 56, to interrupt these proceedings and put forthwith the question on any amendment before the house.

The house divided on the amendment to the amendment (Mr. Thompson) which was agreed to on the following division:

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Messrs:

Addison
Argue
Asselin
Badanai
Barnett
Batten
Beaulé
Béchard
Beer
Bélanger
Benidickson
Benson
Berger
Bernier
Boucher
Boulanger
Bourque
Boutin
Brewin
Brown
Burgess
Byrne
Cadieux (Terrebonne)
Cameron (High Park)
Cantin
Caouette
Cardin
Caron
Carter
Chapdelaine
Chevrier
Clermont
Clunis
Cook
Côté
Cowan
Crestohl
Crossman
Davis
Denis
Deschatelets
Dionne
Douglas
Drouin
Drury
Dubé
Dumont
Dupuis
Éthier
Eudes
Fisher
Forgie
Foy
Frenette
Gagnon
Garland
Gauthier
Godin
Gordon
Granger
Gray
Grégoire
Habel
Haidasz
Hardie, Mrs.
Harley
Hellyer
Honey
Howard
Kelly
Knowles
Lachance
Laing
LaMarsh, Miss
Lamoureux
Lamy
Laniel
Laprise
Latulippe
Leboe
Leduc
Legaré
Lessard (Lake St. John)
Lessard (St. Henry)
Lewis
Loiselle
Macdonald (Rosedale)
MacEachen
MacInnis
Mackasey
Macnaughton
McIlraith
McMillan
McNulty
McWilliam
Maltais
Marcoux
Martin (Essex East)
Martin (Timmins)
Mather