

a reality. Both sides passed on this unanimous opinion to their respective governments.

In conclusion, I would like to say I am confident that if we take the steps I have outlined, we will eliminate a great deal of the confusion which today is making our efforts to clean up the environment largely ineffective and will make it possible for industries and municipalities to start installing the machinery they need to eliminate pollutants from waste before they are discharged into the environment.

Mr. Jean-R. Roy (Timmins): Last week it was my privilege and pleasure to accompany the minister responsible for housing on a visit to most of the huge territory of northwest Ontario. We travelled to many communities and discussed many subjects with many individuals, but the unprecedented events which were taking place in the city of Montreal, the province of Quebec and in Ottawa, could not help but become the most frequent and serious subject matter of our deliberations. Our citizens in that part of the country, as in all other parts, were shocked practically to disbelief at what was happening in Montreal. Not one person who spoke on our tour expressed disapproval of the government decisions that were taken as events unfolded. Indeed, the invocation of the War Measures Act at the request of the Montreal and Quebec governments, was welcomed with the largest possible degree of approval. I was left with the clear impression that these Canadian citizens would have lost confidence in the capability of the government to govern had this decision not been taken at that time.

Even as I detected at times in northwestern Ontario some feeling of detachment and of distance from the problem, I also felt the concern for and the bitterness at the brash and arrogant performance of the FLQ terrorists, the leaders and members in our communications media, and the stupidity of the media in providing these people with a platform from which they could disseminate their hatred and their objectives of destruction. When we returned to Timmins, the feeling of remoteness from the events was completely dispelled because these areas are heavily bilingual with a large number of Canadians who are French speaking. The significance of the frightening events in Quebec touch our people much more directly because these families have direct blood and racial ties which have been established over generations and remain ever so strong, binding them with extraordinary firmness, especially during crisis and adversity.

Here, in the heart of northeastern Ontario, our backgrounds and roots are from Quebec but our characters and mentalities have been tempered and developed in Ontario. Our feelings are of indescribable sadness and gloom in this crisis for our compatriots in Quebec, feelings of a brother who has lost his favourite sister, feelings of a frustrated onlooker's terrible concern for the series of ever worsening developments. This series of developments has lasted for so many years it has created feelings of deep anxiety at the seeming irreversibility of them. There is incredibility at the paradoxical situation

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of a people in semi revolt against the church which was once their most sacred institution, at large numbers of teachers who prostitute their noble purpose of educating youth for the scurrilous political indoctrination of youth, at students wishing to destroy an educational system which was practically non-existent when they were born, and at labour leaders who are taking away the individuality of the men who were the most individualistic in Canada.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, we French Canadians from Northern Ontario feel deeply confused and concerned about our brothers. We are not ashamed because the FLQ assassins do not deserve to be called French Canadians. They are, as someone said, wild beasts. No other characteristic, be it racial, national or other could have the least importance or supplant this description.

We are rather confused that these events should take place in Quebec. We want to reaffirm our support, our confidence and our encouragement to Quebecers and assure them of our understanding and solidarity.

Quebecers, the people from Northern Ontario always remain sympathetic and grateful to you in these extremely difficult hours. Be assured that you are not alone in your misfortune. Your fellow countrymen, across Canada regardless of race or language are with you.

• (12:30 p.m.)

[English]

Along with all Canadians in all provinces, Mr. Speaker, I learned with terrible grief and sadness of the news of the Hon. Pierre Laporte's death. My immediate reaction was one of such anger that I might have been unbalanced. Yet how do you keep a proper balance, reason and judgment, when confronted with such senseless actions? How do you detect justice and order, values and meaning when confronted with such events? How, and when do you return to rational existence? When do you disperse the fear and eliminate the hate? How do you rediscover the meaning and understanding of life, society, humanity, good, evil?

Anger is bad. No human being should have to live with anger and hate in his heart. If I felt deep resentment when some of the opposition leaders and members were playing politics with a situation the like of which we have never seen in this country, when they stupidly refused to see the need for unity and the need for firm, immediate action to halt the destruction of our society, then I must say I felt absolute disgust when I saw the NDP members rise to vote against the motion proposed by the Prime Minister in order to restore sanity in Quebec, in order to crush the insidious revolutionary hands of murdering terrorists active in Quebec and most probably in the rest of Canada. These NDP members will have to answer to their constituents for their vote because by that vote they in fact extended their support to the murderers. They, in effect, encouraged these people—