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what is wrong with our economic policy. That is the height of ludicrousness, if that is a word. He called for us to help him through co-operation to get us out of this mess and said that the way to do it was through six and five.

● (1600)

When the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) came into office in 1968 we were second in the world in terms of standard of living. Now we are fourteenth. Some people say that all countries in the western world and in the OECD have problems, but they do not have the unemployment problems that we have. Certainly they do not have the rates of unemployment which we are experiencing. For example, Germany and Japan have half the rate of Canada.

I will tell the House what is wrong with Canada. We are a mega-based, resource-based economy. When a world recession comes along, we have nothing to back it up. We have lost manufacturing jobs by the thousands. I could refer to the list of statistics, but who would want to refer to a list anyway? As a matter of fact, I heard that the level of oratory in the United States Senate fell markedly when people stopped using their emotions and began to quote statistics. Statistics are not good for oratory because no one likes numbers. There are so many big numbers around that no one really listens to them, anyway.

At the present time \$100 million is being spent each year on nuclear research and the stockpiling of lethal poisons. Would it not be better to spend it on solar or double-glazed windows? Would it not be better to spend it on things which would create employment at a lot less money per job? I think we should. People are going out of business because of cutbacks, but look at the money the Government has taken out of the pockets of people. Naturally businesses will go bankrupt if people are paying most of their money out in interest rates on mortgages. In that event they do not have much left to purchase cars or bicycles; some do not have enough to purchase food. It is not sensible.

We will have five and six on the people but they will not touch oil, which is the prime inflationary factor in Canada today. It will go up again on January 1. I know there is an agreement. I know it will make many people unhappy, but many more people will be unhappy when they have to put away their cars because they have no other option.

They are subsidizing nuclear sales abroad to Mexico. They have subsidized interest rates for Korea or for whatever tin pot dictator comes around wanting to buy one. They will break the contracts with retired public servants. They will allow the dollar to go way down and force many people into bankruptcy. They will scapegoat the Public Service. There will be 800,000 families on welfare by the end of the year; 10,000 more each month. They tell the young that they cannot have jobs. They tell them that they cannot obtain an education by raising the fees. They tell people that they cannot expect to own their own homes. They tell the elderly that they cannot have their indexed pensions because indexing is too expensive and that they must work until they drop.

● **Mr. Kristiansen:** Even if they have paid for them.

**Mr. Rose:** Yes, even if they paid for them. We are accused of being negative. We are accused of carping and being compassionate at the same time, compassionate to the working and the poor and carping to the Liberal Government. There is no way that they can duck and dodge and shell-game their way out of this one. They have done it to us.

What do we suggest? Re-forestation would be one suggestion. There should be vast expansion, not lay-offs, in the rail yards. There was some money in the budget speech of last Wednesday for co-op housing. We run out of it in my riding in March of every year. We need Government and industry co-operation in terms of investment. Perhaps we do not need any more McDonald stands with their imported buns. If the Government wants to cut money, it could cut a bunch of those F-18s. I know they make nice toys, but we might as well be using slingshots. There are many useful things we could do through the municipalities to put people to work.

I am glad we have the community development grant. It was increased in my riding from \$100,000 last year to \$400,000 this year. I am very pleased by the amount of money, but why is my riding getting it? It is because the labour force survey indicates that things are much more rotten in my riding. I say to the Government, as I thank it for allowing me to speak, even if its Members did not listen very much, that it probably has three options. They can either lead, which they have not been doing, or they can follow, which they do not like to do because they are Liberals, or they can step down and get the hell out of the way.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bosley:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. This is a very important motion on an important subject, and everyone in the House knows it. But there is also a courtesy which occurs at the time of a national convention. As I understand the rules of the House, the normal speaking pattern at this time would be to go to the Government benches, then to our benches—and we have a speaker ready to go—and back to the Government benches. It being an NDP day I would suggest, as a matter of both courtesy to the Government Members who have an event which they would like to attend and as a courtesy to the mover of the motion, that we end the debate at this point, so that those on the other side who wish to attend their annual convention today could do so, so that the New Democratic Party would have had, through the Hon. Member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose), the closing speech.

**Mr. Rose:** Mr. Speaker, this subject was broached a little earlier. It is not usual that we would close debate on an Opposition day on an important subject earlier than normal. It is true that the New Democratic Party has had more than its share of time. From that point of view I am grateful, and I have said so in my previous remarks. I would propose an early adjournment provided it were generally known that we have had our time and that no further NDP speakers would have had the floor, anyway. This was a courtesy on the part of the Members of the Official Opposition who have given up their speaking time, which was accepted by the Government.