

Surely, there are enough people on welfare and unemployed today. The article continues:

—Dr. Solandt also rebuked the cabinet for insisting that the Canada Development Corporation must make immediate profits—

But Dr. Solandt, a former vice-president of both Canadian National Railways and De Havilland Aircraft of Canada, cautioned that the manner of government intervention is crucial.

That is all the more reason for a thorough study of this piece of legislation. One could go through a list of articles which express the concern of financial writers in various provinces across the country.

It is interesting to consider a speech made recently by the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Davis). The background paper for discussion at a special meeting of the Capilano Liberal Association in North Vancouver was entitled "What do Western Liberals Want?" One subheading reads: "Less Protectionism in Canada". Under this government, we are slowly going toward an isolationist position and this in a country so dependent upon its ability to trade. Another heading is "Wanted: Less Protectionism in Canada", and another "Wanted: More Foreign Capital for Expansion" and that section goes on to cover the whole field.

I see the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Smerchanski) agrees with me. I am pleased to see that although we do not agree politically, we agree in philosophy. I am always pleased to see that members from western Canada agree on certain matters. What do western people want, Mr. Speaker? According to paragraph 4 on page 6, they want more foreign capital for expansion. Canada, today, is in better shape to finance industrial expansion both at home and abroad. This is reflected in our current balance of payment surplus. The minister then outlined more of the things that western Liberals really want. I ask, where were the western Liberal members of cabinet when this subject was discussed.

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Paragraph 5 reads, "Wanted: more projects and less red tape". Will this bill bring this about? I doubt it. Paragraph 6 reads, "Wanted: less government and more tax cuts". I doubt if we shall see less government and more tax cuts. Paragraph 7 tells us that western Liberals want "Decentralization of decision making". Will this government bring about decentralization of decision making? No. This matter will come under the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin). What do western Liberals want from this government? Well, whatever they want, they are not getting it from this government. That should be clear to the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Smerchanski), who is paying attention to me, and to other western Liberals.

Mr. Woolliams: Even to Lang.

Mr. Horner: What sort of solution should we bring forward to permit greater ownership by Canadians of Canadian industry? I think wealth may be defined as the goods and services that people need or want. During the past 200 years, much of the toil associated with the production of wealth has gradually been shifted from men to machines by technical innovation, with the result that machines now produce most of the wealth in our economy

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and will continue to produce a progressively growing proportion of it as time goes on. The machines of production can be termed as the capital instruments of production. To buy capital instruments, a man needs money. We must then ask, do we want most of our capital to be owned by the state, which is what the socialists want, by a few individuals, or by many individuals.

Certainly, it is the philosophy of the Conservative party, which I support, that capital should be owned by as many individual Canadians as possible. What is the government doing to encourage Canadians to invest in Canada. I suggest it is discouraging such investing.

An hon. Member: Read the budget.

Mr. Horner: An hon. member says, read the budget.

Mr. Stanfield: It is too depressing.

Mr. Horner: I thank the constitution for providing for elections every four or five years, because near election time the Minister of Finance usually brings down a favourable budget. He is to allow accelerated write-offs for machinery purchases in certain industries. Yet, what about tax decreases? There is nothing in the budget for the farmer or for the manufacturing industry. Last year, 975 firms associated with the food processing industries went broke. There is nothing in the budget for them. Most of those companies were Canadian companies.

Mr. Woolliams: One egg never made a good omelette.

Mr. Horner: If the state owns most of the capital, then the state must decide how the wealth it produces should be distributed. That is happening in Russia and in China, and that is what the Waffle group and those truly espousing the NDP philosophy want. At their leadership convention their present leader, the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis), admitted he believes that but could not tell the people because they would not elect him if he did. So, there one sees his basic philosophy.

The leader of my party has said that we are not providing enough incentives for Canadians, and that we should.

Mr. Benjamin: All the dinosaurs come from Alberta.

Mr. Horner: If the dinosaurs could leave Saskatchewan, they would; everybody else has left.

Mr. Woolliams: That was very good, Jack. That boy married an Alberta girl, too.

Mr. Horner: We must encourage Canadians to invest in Canada. Instead of applying the capital gains tax across the board evenly, let it apply more severely to gains involving foreign companies in which Canadians invest. Let there be some differences in the application of that law, and let us produce incentive for Canadians to invest in Canadian companies. If we carry on the present system of giving huge grants to huge companies, we shall find that most of our economy is controlled by international corporations or by a huge Canadian corporation. Believe me, Mr. Speaker, all these corporations work for the good of their shareholders and are entirely motivated by the search for profits. Massey Ferguson may be a Canadian