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Daley Brands MacLeod 'Pipsqueak Communist'

Condemning as "vicious" a speech made earlier in the week in the Legislature by Labor-Progressive Leader A. A. MacLeod, Labor Minister Charles Daley launched a two-fisted attack on the member in the House yesterday. Mr. Daley's address in the Throne Speech debate was marked by frequent interruptions which caused the Speaker to call often for order.

Mr. Daley declared it was beyond his understanding how the "good people of Bellwoods riding could choose a little pipsqueak Communist" to represent them in the Legislature.

"In his long and vicious speech," Mr. Daley said, "he quoted everybody except, perhaps, Confucius, but he was very careful not to quote anything Tim Buck said.

Effort to Tie Up

"The Communists are certainly making a great effort to line up with somebody. They tried the Progressive Conservatives, the C.C.F., and now, while it appears there's some lineup between the leaders of the Labor-Progressives and the Liberals, I can't believe that the sound-thinking Liberals don't know that Liberals don't change their spots or Communists their philosophy."

Mr. Daley said that when the King and Queen visited his home town, St. Catharines, Provincial Police for weeks ahead checked every Communist there. J. B. Salsberg (L.P., Toronto-St. Andrew) rose to say: "Members of the Communist Party were in the official party receiving them—members of the City Council—and there was no need for a hunt."

"But there was a hunt," retorted Mr. Daley, "and the police were not sent by a Tory Government."

In the Dark

Liberal House Leader Mitchell Hepburn came to the rescue of Mr. Salsberg with the remark: "It was a case of going down into a dark cellar on a dark night looking for a dark cat that wasn't there."

To this Mr. Daley replied: "I can't understand how the Jewish people of Bellwoods could choose a little pipsqueak Communist to represent them in the Legislature."

Mr. MacLeod sprang up to demand a retraction and Mr. Daley explained: "I don't know what pipsqueak means but I like the sound of it. If the Speaker objects I will withdraw. But the Jewish people are a people who wish above all to retain their freedom."

Mr. Daley told the House that Premier Drew had not gone into detail on all departments of the Government "because the Drew Government is not a one-man Government. He doesn't crack the whip and have the members fall like tenpins. He holds the Ministers responsible for their departments and doesn't usurp all the

limelight. That's why," he added amid laughter, "there will be no occasion for a triple play like the one from Hepburn to Conant to Nixon when they had the ball and dropped it and the public witnessed the Prime Minister pick it up and complete the play."

"He's a Terrible Man"

He told Mr. Hepburn that he had been told Prime Minister King credited Mr. Hepburn with doing "more than any other man to put the Liberal Party where it is today" and had remarked: "He's a terrible man." Laughing, Mr. Hepburn asked: "Did you shed any tears at the time?"

Mr. Daley said he had communicated with the Dominion Government regarding proposed amendments to P.C. 1003, the National Labor Act.

"Because it is realized that Ontario has had more experience with the Federal act than any other jurisdiction, any amendments submitted from Ontario will be given most careful consideration," said Mr. Daley. "I was assured of this when I got in touch with the Dominion Government following the debate in the House last week."

"Industry must realize that profits must not be too high when wages are too low," said Mr. Daley. "But there must be a profit, and wages must not be more than the traffic will bear."

Union No Octopus

The Labor Minister believes that both management and labor are "suffering from growing pains." Tolerance must be shown on both sides, he said. Industry is realizing that the trade union movement "is not an octopus that is going to strangle it," he declared.

"The future prosperity of this country does not depend on post-war planning, the number of roads we build, but it depends upon a continued prosperous industry and the trade we can maintain with the rest of the world," said Mr. Daley.

The Minister aroused applause when he declared: "There is too much difference between the low-paid man and the high-priced man."