

HISTORIC EVENTS

FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF NORMANDY INVASION

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris): Mr. Speaker, all Canadians have been painfully reminded these last few weeks of the fact that many citizens of the world do not enjoy the same basic democratic privileges which we often take for granted. We have also been reminded of the fact that democratic privileges must sometimes be protected from those who would destroy them by force.

Therefore, it is important to pause for a moment on this the forty-fifth anniversary of the Normandy invasion by the Allied Forces to express a few sincere words of gratitude to those Canadians who in the past were willing to fight and to die, if necessary, to ensure the survival of democracy as we have known it.

Yesterday morning I had the opportunity to speak briefly to the delegates attending the thirty-fourth biennial convention of the Manitoba and North-West Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion. On behalf of my constituents, I would now like to say a sincere thank you to the entire membership of the Royal Canadian Legion and indeed to all those veterans who fought in order that we could be free.

We will always be indebted to them.

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THE LATE HON. HOWARD CHARLES GREEN

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, today British Columbians and all Canadians mourn the loss of a dedicated politician and Canadian, Howard Charles Green.

Howard Green was born in British Columbia five years before the turn of the century. After attending regular school in British Columbia and graduating from law school in Toronto, he served overseas with the fifty-fourth Kootenay Battalion during the First World War.

In 1935, at the age of 40, Mr. Green was elected to the House of Commons by the people of Vancouver South. He remained an active Member of Parliament until 1963, representing Vancouver Quadra for the last 14 years. First, as Minister of Public Works in the Cabinet of another great Canadian, John Diefenbaker, and then as

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Secretary of State for External Affairs from June 1959 to April 1963, Howard Green took an active role in international discussions which greatly raised Canada's profile world-wide.

To the family of the late Hon. Howard Green, all in this Chamber extend our deepest sympathies.

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleague across the way in paying tribute to the Late Howard Green. He was a formidable Member of Parliament. He was the first Member for the then new riding of Quadra. He held that seat for a long period of time. He was our Member of Parliament when you and I, Mr. Speaker, grew up in Vancouver.

I remember him as one who kept in touch, particularly with young people at the university when we were attending the University of British Columbia. He was also a great Member of Parliament and a first-rate Secretary of State for External Affairs under the Late John George Diefenbaker. His quest for peace and for international comity was well known to the House and the country. He will be remembered with affection and with respect by everyone in Vancouver, British Columbia, and throughout the country.

Mr. David Barrett (Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca): Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the news today of the loss of a very great Canadian, the Hon. Howard Charles Green.

Howard Green was a son of British Columbia and a great Canadian. He brought with him the spirit of the West, that fighting independence that he took with him into the Conservative Party and into the Diefenbaker Cabinet.

He fought for British Columbia as strongly as he fought for all of Canada. In his role as Secretary of State for External Affairs, Howard Green carved out the last important independent stand, pro-Canadian in international affairs. He had a pan-Canadian view of this country. He loved his Province of British Columbia. We will miss him and we will remember him.

Mr. Speaker: I am asking the indulgence of the House to recognize, as would not normally be done, the Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs on this matter.