

peace on its own behalf? Can any one of them declare war upon any other of them? What flag will they adopt as the emblem of their nationhood? Of what country will their people be citizens or by what name will those citizens be known? Can they make what treaties they like? Enter into such alliances as they like? Even hostile to each other? Surely the right to declare war and make peace is the right of an independent nation. Surely the right to enter into such treaties and alliances as they see fit is included in the powers of an independent nation. And what other nation can have "full sovereign powers" except an independent nation?

3. Does not the adoption of Mr. Dafoe's view of Canada's future in a British Empire mean the dismembering of the British Empire? Does it not mean that there shall be no British Empire or British Commonwealth? Does it not mean that Great Britain and Ireland shall go back to where they were before two hundred years ago, despoiled of the Dominions beyond the seas? Does it not mean that England, Scotland and Wales shall be a kingdom—with Ireland as a thorn in the side? and that Canada shall also be a kingdom? and Australia and New Zealand a kingdom? and South Africa a kingdom? all under a "common Crown," all independent sovereign states; but all connected by a *perpetual* alliance" under a "Common Crown." What kind of an alliance? Shall it be one in black and white—on paper? Or is it to be one of mutual aims and laws and language? the latter is the kind of an alliance that exists to-day between the British descended people of the United States on the one side and the people of the British Empire including Canada, Australia, South Africa, etc., on the other. Such a proposition so far as I can understand it means, as I said before, the dismembering of the British Empire. The British Empire, or the British Commonwealth, or the Commonwealth of British nations, or by whatever name you call it, is ended.

4. How can a number of nations with full sovereign powers be linked in perpetual alliance *under a common*