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and one that he hopes to attain. He hopes that it will not be necessary to use armed might at all because by forcing us to spend more and more money on defence equipment and establishments he will eventually ruin our economy and we will fall an easy prey.

There is a psychological attack that is going on at the present time, and it is going to continue until this struggle, which is a global one, is finally resolved one way or the other. This other attack that I am referring to is designed to destroy our will to survive, our will to fight back. On several occasions when the defence estimates have been before the house I have referred to the need for ideological training, not only for the armed services but for all the people of Canada. This is something which is not very costly—it will cost us hardly anything—but it is something which is essential because without it all these other millions of dollars we are spending will have little effect. A few dollars spent or even a few hours put in on ideological training will have the effect of an insurance program to ensure that the moneys we spend on other phases of our defence will not be wasted.

The militia is to be the backbone of our civil defence structure, and the militia is a particularly fine starting place to develop ideological training. That involves not merely religious training. It is not merely a matter of morale. It has been interpreted in some ways that this ideological training is just something to keep up morale. It is much more than that. That is the one phase where we have not begun to match the soviet. They have an economic attack; they have military forces; they have economic forces. They have mobilized all of these. But in addition to these, they have psychological and ideological thrusts which we do not have at all. Until we begin to think in those terms and to take the initiative, we cannot ever hope to match their efforts and they are fully justified in thinking that if they can get us to believe in co-existence long enough so that their other attacks can bear fruit, the ultimate victory will be theirs.

I would ask the minister again to give this matter serious thought. What I have in mind is not just a padre's hour where a soldier or serviceman goes to the padre with some personal problem involving domestic affairs or even morals. It is an understanding and an evaluation of the principles and the values upon which our way of life and our institutions have been developed. It is even more than that. It is a commitment to live them out and that is where we fall short of meeting the communists. They live out their ideals and we do not. Until we match them in that respect most of the money and the

effort that we put into other phases of our defence are not going to be fully effective.

Mr. Hellyer: Last September, Mr. Chairman, the Prime Minister made an announcement which told Canada that the Avro Arrow interceptor plane would be continued until March 31 next, at which time the programs would be reviewed in the light of events—

Mr. Pallett: That statement is not accurate.

Mr. Hellyer:—existing at that time. Newspaper reports varied in their interpretation of this announcement. Many accepted the Prime Minister's statement as being a warning that the program would in effect be cancelled on March 31. Others took it at face value that the program was to continue and that a re-evaluation would in fact take place as indicated.

During that period of time the Minister of National Defence made repeated efforts to try to sell what appeared to be a remarkable aircraft to some of our NATO allies. In the debate which took place in this house earlier this year, he told us that even after the turn of the year efforts were made to sell to the British, and that it was only in January that the British finally indicated that they had no requirement for it. Similarly he advised the house that only in December did he get a final turn-down from Mr. McElroy, the secretary of defence of the United States. During this period there was unfolding a drama which was interesting to the Canadian people and, which affected directly our defence effort and the lives of thousands of Canadian taxpayers. Then in February, when the Prime Minister entered the house on a Friday morning, without any notice he announced to the house and the people of Canada that notwithstanding his statement that the program would continue until March 31 of this year, it was to be cancelled forthwith.

Mr. Pallett: Get your facts right.

Mr. Hellyer: You can check them later yourself. As I was saying, the announcement was made that the program was to be cancelled forthwith. Telegrams went forth that day from the Minister of Defence Production advising that production of the Avro Arrow aircraft, the Orenda engine and all its components should cease immediately.

In the debate which took place in the house there was, in the statements of the Minister of National Defence and of the Prime Minister, a curious mixture. First they would tell us that the plane had been overtaken by events; that it had been outpaced by the development of missiles, that it would no longer be required in the concept of North American defence. A moment later we would