

Mr. CHURCHILL: Mr. Hellyer said:

This is the law, and this is the way it will work... for a change...

Were former ministers, going back during your period of service, subject to military control or did they exercise full civilian control?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I do not know of any Minister who was subject to military control.

Mr. CHURCHILL: It is just an attempt on the part of the Minister to scare the public, I think, and get us all aroused and excited.

I would like to ask you a question with regard to the subject of morale which has been in front of us on one or two occasions. From your long experience as a trainer of service personnel for the Navy and your long experience as an active combat officer, with many of the hazards of war attached to that, you tend to place a great deal of emphasis on morale. Is it your opinion that a commander, who has had combat service as you have had, is in a better position to judge the question of morale than civilians and non-combatant officers?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes sir.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I ask you this with regard to the training of forces for the Navy: under the present set-up a Training Command has been established. Have you any idea of how that Training Command will function with regard to men who volunteer for service and wish to become naval personnel? What sort of training will they get under Training Command and then what are the following steps in order to make them naval personnel? Will they receive, under Training Command, the type of training that would be suitable for men who are going to serve on ships at sea.

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I do not see how Training Command can make any changes in the type of professional training people get for each of the three separate environments. After all, even though we are not going to have navies, armies, and air forces, we are still going to have soldiers, sailors and airmen. They have to be trained as such, and technically trained as such, so I would not think there is going to be any difference in the professional training that Training Command will adopt.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Do you see any improvement in the training for naval work by Training Command over what was done in the past?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: No.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Have you had any past contacts with the Minister for External Affairs, who has spoken on matters of policy and the linking of foreign policy with our defence policy? Have you had the opportunity on any occasion to discuss the defence of Canada with him?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: No, sir.

Mr. CHURCHILL: That is unfortunate because I think he has been made an honorary colonel in the militia and might have something to contribute. However, my question is based on a statement that he made on September 15, 1964, to the Atlantic Treaty Association at Ottawa, and in the course of that statement on Page 3 he used these words: