

Supply—Citizenship and Immigration

Mr. Orlikow: On a point of privilege, Mr. Chairman, I of course do not have the *Hansard* of what I just said in front of me, but I do not think that I spoke so loosely that I said it would not be serious if a few minds were poisoned. I certainly did not intend to say that. What I intended to say, and what I say right now, is that I do not believe the fact that a professor from the Soviet union will be teaching at Regina college—with which decision I had nothing to do—will change the minds of any students at Regina college, or anywhere else.

Mr. Churchill: I did not know to whom the hon. member was referring. As I say, I hope I have not misquoted him, but I jotted down that phrase about its not being a serious matter if the minds of a few students were poisoned—or words to that effect. I hope the hon. member will check the *Hansard* record and make himself clear, because the real danger arises from what university professors might do to impressionable minds. I think the hon. member perhaps was not as careful in his use of language as he might have been.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Chairman, I was sitting right in front of the hon. member for Winnipeg North while he was speaking and I am quite certain he did not use the words as suggested by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre.

Mr. Orlikow: I would like to say I only used the illustration of the professor who will be teaching this year at Regina college to buttress my argument with regard to the citizenship rights of people who have been here for many years. Obviously the decision regarding the coming of the professor to Regina college was made by the university authorities at Regina. I do not know whether any federal agencies were consulted and gave their approval or not. I certainly knew nothing about it, was not asked for an opinion, and gave no opinion. In fact I did not express an opinion until he was on the job.

Even though I was not asked for an opinion I reiterate that I do not think a mistake was made by inviting him, because I presume a Canadian professor went to the Soviet union to teach in a university there. I have enough faith in the young people of Canada to believe that they will not suddenly become communist because one professor of economics, or a professor in any other field, is teaching at a Canadian university.

Mr. Herridge: Will the minister inform the committee why the applications for citizenship in the numerous cases that have been mentioned this afternoon are refused, when a former Liberal government gave Canadian citizenship to four French citizens who belonged to the German gestapo, who had been sentenced to death by the French courts, and against the protest of the French ambassador of the day?

Mr. Nielsen: To say nothing of Hal Banks.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall vote No. 5 carry?

Mr. Herridge: Would the minister explain the reason for the different approach to these problems?

Mr. Churchill: While the minister is contemplating his answer I would hope, Mr. Chairman, I could say with regard to the remarks of the hon. member for Winnipeg North that I was making no reference whatever to anybody who was being employed at any university. In fact he had not mentioned that case earlier. I was making no comment on that. I was simply commenting on his use of language with regard to impressionable students.

Mr. Howard: Maybe hon. members will wonder why we make reference to something that happened in 1935, but it is necessary to give us a background appreciation of the difficulties that confront people of Chinese origin in their relations with the department of which the minister is head.

In 1935 in advertisements in newspapers in Vancouver—and I have seen them—the Liberal party published as part of its election campaign a promise to the people of the west coast to stop the yellow hordes from China and other Asiatic countries coming into Canada. One of the members of the Senate, Hon. Senator Reid, was a Liberal candidate at that time and was elected as a member under that sort of promise.

Anybody now looking back to that would think it was a disgusting and disgraceful policy for a political party to have, namely a policy of a campaign based purely and simply on raw, naked, racial discrimination. That is only one of the contributing factors to the difficulties which Chinese people have had for the past few years, and still have in their attempts to get some reasonably fair treatment from the government and the department on their immigration problems and citizenship matters. I think there has been a very unfair and unkind harassment by the