

no alternative, for I must make the matter clear.

Hon. Mr. MOLLOY: All right.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: Did the honourable gentleman not say that we are not obliged to interfere in all the quarrels of Europe?

Hon. Mr. MOLLOY: That is what I said.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: He said that we are not obliged to interfere in all the wars of Europe. We all know that; every sane, sensible man in Canada knows that. But who is to decide?

Hon. Mr. MOLLOY: We are; the Canadian people; no others.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: I referred to the confidence placed by the nations of the world in the integrity, honour and justice of Great Britain, a tribute which, so far as I know, no other nation has ever received; and I added that if Great Britain was worthy of that tribute from the nations of the world, then we, at least, should not hesitate to trust her. Some part of the Empire has to be trusted. Each Dominion cannot of itself, as my friend from the unpronounceable place—

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: De Lanaudière.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: As he very properly says, each Dominion cannot of itself make a declaration. Some central authority in the Commonwealth of Nations must take the lead.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: Otherwise the Empire is a mere conglomeration. Anyone who surveys world affairs to-day must realize that the situation is most threatening. The conflict is on between Christianity and paganism, and I firmly believe that the British Empire—the British Commonwealth of Nations—and the English-speaking world are destined to be the defenders of Christianity.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: Only to-day we read in the newspapers what is taking place in Germany. We all know what has taken place in Russia. That is an indication of the division of world forces. As my honourable friend from De Lanaudière (Hon. Mr. Casgrain) says, the strong man armed is the only man who can keep the peace. Not only can he keep the peace for himself, but he can contribute much to keep the peace for others. When Great Britain went too far in setting an example of disarmament to the other Great Powers she became weak and was not respected. She is now rapidly regaining her strength both on land and on sea, and is again

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respected by the Great Powers, and so is able to contribute much to the peace of the world. I am satisfied that a large majority of the Canadian people will trust the Motherland. I am convinced that should she ever happen to be engaged in a life-and-death struggle the people of this Dominion could not be restrained from rushing to her succour, regardless of every other consideration. We are one people, and we are strong because we are one people.

I go further: I say that we should participate in every great American conference and do our part on this continent as well as our part in the British Empire. We should at least pull our weight in the boat. That is all we are asked to do. If we are men we shall do it—and the people of Canada are men. We were not invited to the last Pan-American Conference, because, I believe, it was understood we would not attend. If it be understood that we are willing to attend any conference to promote peace and goodwill on this continent and in the world, then we shall get an invitation. We have a very responsible position to fill in the world. We are a part of the British Empire and we are friendly with the United States, and we can do much to bring these great powers together and to strengthen the English-speaking world, which stands for what is best in civilization.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: I am sure that on this question the great majority of the Canadian people entertain pretty much the opinions I have expressed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Black, the debate was adjourned.

At 6 o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at 8 o'clock.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES BILL SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 74, an Act to establish a corporation to be known as Trans-Canada Air Lines.

He said: Honourable senators, the purpose of this Bill is the formation of a company to operate a first-class air service from coast to coast in Canada. I take it for granted that most of us are aware of the necessity for such a service. Canada is perhaps one of the few countries in the world without a national scheduled air service. The air services from our centres of population to areas not otherwise served by transportation take