

orientals, they were being brought here in boatloads to work on the railways and for similar work, to displace white labour. The few orientals who come into Canada now are mainly of the better class, educated men, scientists, doctors, lawyers and so on. I was not very much interested in those few men, and moreover we had an agreement with Japan, so I did not think it would be very good business to stir up too much trouble. I had no objection to the hon. member for Vancouver East bringing in his resolution, but I did object very strenuously to a statement he made in closing the debate, and of course when he spoke the second time he concluded the debate on that resolution. This is what he said:

Anyone voting against it votes for the principle that we should let people come into this country to stay permanently to whom we cannot grant the rights and privileges of citizenship. He will also vote for the continued coming of these people into the country.

As everyone knows, that was not the idea at all. We were not voting to allow these people to come in; we were simply voting not to disturb an agreement that existed between this country and Japan. There is no doubt at all in my mind, however, that during the next election in British Columbia this will be used against me, and there is just enough truth in it that one cannot say it is a lie. This will be broadcast from the platforms of British Columbia against me during the next election, if I run.

Mr. MacINNIS: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker; I have not the slightest objection to the hon. member discussing this resolution, because I do not think it is anything to my discredit, but what has it to do with the motion now before the house? It has absolutely nothing to do with it.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: As to the point of order, there has been very wide latitude allowed during this debate, and I do not think I should rule the hon. gentleman out of order at this time.

Mr. O'NEILL: There is another matter to which I should like to direct attention at this time; I refer to another remark made by the hon. member for Vancouver East for which he did not apologize, and I am very much surprised that he was permitted to get away with it. I do not think he should be allowed to get away with it even now. This was the remark he made:

However, that did not prevent the Liberal party from helping the communists in Vancouver East. I am told that the communist candidate in Vancouver East did not put in an account of his election expenses, and I

understand his reason for refraining was that the Liberal party had provided the funds and that it was up to them to put in the expense account.

Two days later, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman made this statement:

Since that time I have received information from Mr. Bruce, who was the communist candidate, that my statement was not correct. As he has no one here to make the statement for him, I wish to put that on record.

That is something else which, I suppose, will be used during the next election in British Columbia. The first statement was published on the front pages of newspapers in British Columbia, but the second statement appeared on the back pages of the newspapers, in among the advertisements, in a very small space.

As to the question of whether or not we should increase our armaments, let me say this: I started to work in British Columbia when I was a kid. I have never had to fight since I left school, but I did not make that enviable record by advertising to the world that I could not or would not fight.

Mr. J. J. DUFFUS (Peterborough West): Mr. Speaker, in rising to address the house at this time I give my assurance that I shall do my best to be very brief. Until a few hours ago I had no thought of taking part in this debate, for the reason that to me Canada's need for additional security is so obvious that I took it for granted that the proper time for discussion would be when the estimates were before the committee. But, when I read in the press of Tuesday evening that Great Britain was planning to again increase armaments on both land and sea, it brought very forcefully to my mind the question of Canada's defence, and awakened in me a greater responsibility, as a member of this parliament, towards the people whom I have the honour to represent.

If the report which I observed in the press were correct, as undoubtedly it was, that Great Britain is planning to spend well over \$250,000,000 for capital ships, cruisers, infantry and tank battalions, and so on, with a large increase for her navy, then it must be patent to all either that Great Britain is putting forth an even more strenuous effort to avert war or that she suspects that a crisis is imminent. I think I am substantially correct when I say that at one time it was considered heroic to provoke or to promote war but that to-day, so far as Great Britain and Canada are concerned, the opposite is true. In my opinion one of the outstanding characteristics of the mother country in recent years has been her desperate, determined and ever