

a large part of the economic life of the country. I am not sure that this should be done unless an actual state of war has been declared. In fact, I do not think it should be done at all.

Hon. Mr. Euler: It would seem that my honourable friend opposite (Hon. Mr. Haig) has already adopted the attitude that war is an absolute certainty. I think it is very wrong for him to say so, even if he believes it to be true.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I would put the War Measures Act into effect so that we would know exactly where we stand.

Hon. Mr. Euler: You are quite sure of war then.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I would put the War Measures Act into effect. I know my honourable colleague from Rosetown (Hon. Mr. Asetline) and other honourable gentlemen do not agree with me when I say I am sure there will be war, but I want to say to the honourable member from Waterloo (Hon. Mr. Euler) that I do not believe we can get Canadians going hard enough unless they realize the struggle we are facing. And we are facing it just as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. Euler: I do not think that statement does any good.

Hon. Mr. Haig: We did not think Korea would be attacked but it was, and just as soon as Russia is ready to move against Yugoslavia it will do so. The only thing that is holding the Reds back is the gigantic industrial power of the United States and that country's determination to carry on the struggle. The Russians also believe that the Americans would undoubtedly use the atomic bomb against her.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Does my honourable friend believe that there is such a thing as talking oneself into a war?

Hon. Mr. Haig: No, there is not the slightest danger of that. Nobody in Canada wants a war.

Hon. Mr. Euler: I should think not.

Hon. Mr. Haig: My honourable friend cannot accuse me of wanting war. In 1939 I was one of those who voted for war, but I will tell my honourable friend quite candidly that by so doing I sent seven relatives, including my own son, to war.

Hon. Mr. Euler: Others did the same.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I knew what I was doing then, and I thank God that my son came home safely. His record was at least a fair one. Men do not get the D.F.C. for just

walking around a block. I am not going to be charged with saying that I want war, but I do not want to see our people caught like they were in 1939 when the Nazis went marching across Europe. The Russians could do the same thing now. Would you call Churchill a warmonger for saying that it will take at least 70 divisions to hold back the reds in Europe? Churchill was the one man who before 1939 warned his nation to get ready. The people did not listen to him, but within a year and a half he was made Prime Minister of his country. It took Pearl Harbour to wake up the Americans in 1941. And to think that they were actually negotiating with the Japanese when that country attacked them at pearl Harbour! That is the sort of thing that upsets me. We Anglo-Saxons have no liking for war. We just hate it. Those who have been soldiers—I have not been—or whose sons served in battle know that you cannot forget the war for even one single night. I detest war just as much as any person, but I do believe that the last two wars have taught me that the only way to meet aggression is to be absolutely ready for it. Until South Korea was attacked, I do not think the people of Canada or the United States believed another war could possibly come. We have to alert our people to what they face.

Had it not been for the remarks of the honourable gentleman from Waterloo (Hon. Mr. Euler) I would not have spoken so long.

Hon. Mr. Euler: I apologize for that.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I do not like this legislation, and while I intend to vote for it with my eyes wide open I still believe it would be better not to have it at all or to have the whole situation covered, because I do not believe Canadians have really been awakened to the terrible threat to their freedom.

Hon. W. D. Euler: Honourable senators, I do not propose to speak at any length. I merely rise because the honourable leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Haig) has inferentially accused me of ascribing to him a liking for war. That was far beyond what I said or intimated in any way. I believe he dislikes war as much as I or anybody else. My criticism is that he chooses to tell the people of Canada in so many words that war is absolutely certain to come. I think that is a most injudicious observation to be made by any member of parliament.

Hon. T. A. Crerar: Honourable senators, it seems to me that the discussion which has taken place has wandered far beyond the boundaries of this legislation.

Hon. Mr. Haig: I admit that.