

I have no further explanation to make at this time, but honourable senators may receive detailed information in the Special Committee on Legislation.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable senators, I have no criticism to make of the contemplated \$5 million expenditure on research. I also have no criticism to make of the \$2 million which is to be spent to defray the charges and expenses for the land services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I am glad to see that British Columbia and Newfoundland are to use these services, because for many years now the R.C.M.P. have served the province of Manitoba in a highly satisfactory manner. I was a member of the Manitoba legislature when this system was first adopted, and I know that some people thought it would not work out. Some argued that there would be a clash between the Attorney-General of the province and the Attorney-General of the dominion in the administration of the police force in the province, but I have never heard of such a clash. I would recommend that every province in Canada should use the services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

I have no criticism to make of the appropriation of \$142 million which is to organize and equip the Canadian armed forces, but I should like to be certain that the \$409 million referred to in subsection 2 of section 2 is expended only if absolutely necessary. I appreciate that it is difficult for us to judge whether this money is necessary or not. Perhaps the people of South Korea felt that they were spending enough on big guns and equipment to withstand any aggression that might come; perhaps they even thought that no foreign army would ever attack their land. Nevertheless it, happened; and I think there is even more reason to expect that Iran or West Germany or Yugoslavia will be attacked.

I agree with what one American recently wrote: that the issue between the East and West will finally and ultimately be settled on the plains of Europe, where throughout the centuries all great wars have been fought.

I entirely agree with what our government is doing about the Korean situation. I agree entirely with what we are doing to see that Iran, Malay and Indo-China will be protected in the event of attack; but we all know that the real struggle, if it comes, will be fought out in Western Europe.

I live in a prairie province, and I believe it is quite within the bounds of possibility that if Russia were to send out bombing planes on a mission of destruction in Canada and the United States, their course would be down through the prairies. I disagree with honourable members from British Columbia who feel

that the first attack would be made on Vancouver. It seems to me much more likely that bombs would be dropped first on the central provinces. And what would be a more probable point of attack than, for instance, the city of Winnipeg? Owing to its geographical position with the lake region to the north and American territory not so very far to the south, Winnipeg would be regarded by the enemy as a hub where bombing could accomplish a lot of damage. I feel that everything possible should be done to enable us to meet the aggression when it comes. There is no need to repeat the stern warning that I expressed the other day, that I believe Russia intends to try to conquer the world—either by treachery, as she is doing now with the aid of nitwits in different countries, or openly and by force, or perhaps by both methods. Whatever she chooses to do, we have got to be ready.

Then there is the appropriation of \$300 million which may be used for the purposes of the North Atlantic Treaty. Because of lack of information, there is not much that I can say about this vote. I tried unsuccessfully to get the leader of the government (Hon. Mr. Robertson) to disclose what our liabilities are under the treaty. I hoped the senator from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris) would tell me, but again I was disappointed. Then I felt sure the senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) would give some facts on the subject, but he also breathed not a word about it. We must have some obligations under the treaty. We are asked to vote \$300 million in the dark, without knowing what it is to be used for, other than that some of it may be spent on arms or other materials to assist friendly nations in Europe. In my own mind I question whether this vote should not have been postponed until after the United Nations meeting has been held and we know what we shall be required to furnish in arms, ammunition and men.

Let no one have any doubt that under the North Atlantic Treaty we shall be expected to furnish men for fighting in Europe. If the treaty means anything at all, we are going to have to send to Europe not only arms and ammunition, but fighting men. In a newspaper this morning I read that scientific weapons and methods would make it possible to conduct war with relatively few men. Well, if proof were needed to demonstrate the unsoundness of that idea, it has been furnished in Korea. Despite all the airplanes, battleships and scientific weapons at their command, the United Nations forces have been backing up steadily since about the 1st of July, and the question today is whether the beach-head at Pusan