

Communist Activities in Canada

easier to see the Prime Minister of Canada than it is to see the prime minister of Russia. You do not have to get past so many people before you see him. I would hope that that would be the case if the leader of the opposition were sitting on the other side of the house. I would feel very sorry if it were not.

I think it was about 1934 that a delegation came down here to see the Prime Minister of that day.

Mr. Coldwell: July, 1935.

Mr. MacInnis: It was during the term of the Right Hon. R. B. Bennett. This incident has gone into history. This was a delegation of unemployed from western Canada. They stopped off at Regina and there was some trouble there. They then came on to Ottawa. One of the leaders was a fellow by the name of Evans and I saw him after the prime minister had met the delegation. I am sure that the feeling in the country was much stronger then than it is today because there was more misery. He told me that he had told the prime minister he was a damned liar. That is the sort of thing a communist can do in this country and live to tell the story, but it is not the sort of thing he could do in Russia and live to tell the story. Even if he were able to see the prime minister of that country he would not dare tell him what he thought of him.

I hope that when these people attempt to make appointments with ministers of the crown such appointments will be made as they would be made with people representing other sections of the community. These people should be shown that democracy in this country is for everyone as long as they allow democracy to operate. I agree that communists make it very difficult to deal with them as one would like to deal with people, but as long as they do not make it impossible we should practise the democracy we preach and not enable them to say that our democracy is a sham. Let us show them that it is deep and broad, that it is available to everyone in Canada who wants to make an effort to make it work.

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): Mr. Speaker, I should like to say a brief word because I am convinced that any man who is elected to this or any other legislature should have a standard by which he can test anything and everything. I must admit that I was proud of the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) when I saw the following heading and article in the Ottawa *Citizen* of yesterday morning:

P.M. says world in need of spiritual rebirth.

In these troublesome times, Mr. St. Laurent said, a spiritual rebirth is more required than the ingenu-

ity of man. "We need faith by deeds, genuine brotherhood cannot be achieved without faith in God."

Any nation that leaves God out is bound to go to the bow-wows sooner or later. Russia has treated God as a myth. Our Prime Minister worships as he was taught by his mother to worship, and when we have a Prime Minister who says that faith in God is our foundation then the legislation that comes from this house is going to be a credit to that foundation in which the Prime Minister believes.

Solomon was the wisest man of the Jewish nation. He sought satisfaction from wealth and money; he sought satisfaction from enjoyment and many wives; he sought satisfaction from public buildings; but when he wanted to build up the whole thing on the proper foundation he told the people they should fear God and keep his commandments. If we as members of parliament and as members of the Christian church build on that foundation the devil of communism will have to hide his head.

Mr. E. G. Hansell (Macleod): Mr. Speaker, may I say in a kindly way that I believe it is a matter of courtesy that when a debate such as this occurs in the house each party takes part in it in rotation, and we usually come in at the last. When I saw my friend, the hon. member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor), rise I thought by conceding the floor to him he might even go on until six o'clock and my speech would not be broken. I regard him as a friend and he never takes too much time in the house. This time, however, he cut his speech too short, and it is now only six minutes to six. Would you care to call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker? I should like you to do so, but if not I will go on.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house that I call it six o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

ALBERTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY

The house resumed, from Monday, May 1, consideration in committee of Bill No. 7, to incorporate Alberta Natural Gas Company—Mr. Maybank—Mr. Dion in the chair.