

not merely about some spots on a map, but about people with a deep sense of grievance, people with intense longings, people with aspirations and people who have reason to believe that the world community has not regarded them very highly or with much compassion and concern. With that whole complex of human suffering, it is not surprising that some of the reaction is of a violent kind; and, of course, as always with violence and terrorism, it is counterproductive.

In the world outside the middle East there is some forward movement in popular opinion toward the belief that a free Palestine must be set up. But as these moves and gains in public opinion are registered, then comes an outrage, a hijacking, and it often hurts their case far more than the progress of moderation gains for it. This, of course, is what extremists never learn whether they are in the Middle East, the Far East or anywhere else. But I hope it is not too late for us to look with a little more knowledge and a little more compassion at the Palestinian problem. We must not think that all Palestinian leaders are violent men.

I would think that Canada, as a country which has always been involved in UNWRA, which voted for the establishment of the state of Israel—and I believe the right of Israel to exist stands today as it did when we voted that way—must not satisfy itself with the old methods. As Canadians we cannot allow this dangerous situation to remain in the Middle East, lest it bring forth the conflagration that would overwhelm us all. We have there the dabbling of great powers. We have there animosities, ages old. We have there the potential for a terrible explosion. It is not for us to draw about us the skirts of legality and say that it is someone else's problem. It is not someone else's problem. It is our problem and I would like to see Canada assume leadership. Let us move in on the refugee problem and say this cannot go on year after year, that we must take dramatic, perhaps difficult steps to try and liquidate at least some of the awful human suffering which pervades so much of that group of people who once were residents of Palestine. The way out will not be easy, but the way out surely must be found.

We in this chamber, Mr. Speaker, as representatives of our provinces and constituencies try to find opportunities to bring to the attention of the House some of the important problems facing our people and bring forward suggestions to better the areas which we have the honour to represent. Indeed, we try to do this throughout the whole session. I expect to be pressing the government on a number of matters because I submit, sir, that it has not yet completed all those things in Prince Edward Island which I think should be done. And if it ever reaches that stage, I will devote my energies to thinking up some more things to be done!

We are always talking about transportation. The first Prince Edward Islanders who came up here talked about transportation. We do it yet. It is almost a conditioned reflex. I do not say that the most important problem in P.E.I. is the condition of the Charlottetown airport, but I say it is at the very top so far as urgency is concerned. We have one of the finest commercial air services in any

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part of this country. One can in comfort fly from Montreal to Charlottetown in about an hour and a quarter on a splendid service provided by Eastern Provincial Airways. On the way back it takes about the same amount of time and we are served with a delicious P.E.I. lunch, P.E.I. potatoes and all the rest of it, which makes it even better. After all our pleading, Mr. Speaker, the minister did have his department arrange for an extended terminal. It is a splendid one so far as it goes, but in terms of seating capacity it only goes about half way down the cabin of the aircraft, and that has nothing to do with seating space for the good people in the waiting-room greeting their loved ones on arrival or saying goodbye to them. In other words, putting it very simply it is significantly too small.

Prince Edward Island depends very much upon tourism for the growth of its economy. Agriculture we can improve; fisheries we can improve—but the one which I think is most capable of expansion is tourism. More and more people are coming to P.E.I. I can never completely despair of Canadians and Americans when so many of them choose to come to P.E.I. We love to have them, but we want them to come in comfort. I think it is the responsibility of the government, having failed to give us the causeway, at least to give us a good airport terminal. I have great regard for the Minister of Transport (Mr. Jamieson) and I will send him a copy of my speech tomorrow, with a covering letter telling him once again that I am appealing to him, honourable and learned doctor of laws and of much else, to look upon our needs in Charlottetown with immediate favourable reaction.

I have something to say to another minister. This is to the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier). He was largely responsible for the establishment in Charlottetown last year of what was called a youth hostel for young people. I tried to assist during the summer by wiring him when I saw him getting into trouble, but I was not able to forestall some of his difficulties. I presume that the tradition across the country, when establishing a youth hostel, is to take semi-abandoned military barracks and turn them over to transient youth. This is quite all right in view of the fact that so many of our young people are unemployed, which I think is a crime. There is nothing wrong with their moving across the country. I know a great many of them. I live in Prince Edward Island between Borden and Charlottetown and have picked up all sorts of young people moving in and out of the city, and the great majority of them are fine young Canadians.

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Nevertheless the Secretary of State made a complete botch of establishing a hostel without consulting the authorities in the city of Charlottetown or the province of Prince Edward Island. When it came to choosing those who were going to run the hostel, instead of going to any of the many fine youth leaders in the city of Charlottetown he imported some whose attainments in leadership left a good deal to be desired.

It is tremendously important in this day of the generation gap, when some people think that a man with long hair is suspect, that when the government establishes a