

in which his sentiments were expressed and the excellent viewpoints which he placed before us proves at once that he is indeed in his right place here among the elder statesmen of Canada. I wish him a long and happy sojourn among us. If he continues to give us the benefit of his wisdom and literary ability, I am sure he will occupy an important place here and make a great contribution to the welfare of Canada.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Before moving the adjournment of the debate, I should like to express one further thought, that is, to repeat the observation of the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald) when he said he regretted the speech that was delivered this afternoon by the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig). I have for the Leader of the Opposition the very highest respect. I have more than respect. I have a certain affection for that honourable gentleman, and my relations with him have been the most cordial and friendly over the years. But I think that his address today was ill-considered, and if his statements were in accord with the impression that was left on my mind—and I shall wait until I read the text before coming to a final conclusion—I think the time will come when he will regret them. They were reminiscent to me of experiences which I suffered many years ago when the little die-hard Tory clique of Toronto wrapped themselves in a blood-red flag and, with a self-righteousness that was superb, impugned the patriotism of all their fellow citizens.

Hon. Mr. Horner: More politics.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Now I do not say that the honourable gentleman who heads the Conservative forces in this house did that very thing, though it came close to it. I said his remarks were reminiscent of that kind of thing which I thought had passed away: I thought that we Canadians were now Canadians in our own right with a confidence in the loyalty and integrity of our fellow-citizens.

When the honourable gentleman said that the issue before us was whether we stood with Britain or Russia he surely had his tongue in his cheek, and he failed, I should think, to appreciate the insult to his fellow

citizens that was implicit in those words. Not only that—and I do not want to be too severe nor will I attempt to reply to these statements until I have at least read the text and re-read it in black and white—but I would call his attention to this, and let him absorb the fact, that the day of the little Canadian has gone by. Today Canada is a grown-up nation, unable now to cast her responsibilities upon the statesmen of Westminster but under the obligation of taking her own place among the nations of the world and of assuming the responsibilities that go with that status.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: We are grown up. We are no longer in tutelage to any other nation and it is ours to discharge our responsibility.

I fancy the honourable gentleman did not really mean to say that Canada should not have done what she did in the United Nations or that the constitution of a police force was in any way wrong or unwise, because if he did he stands alone—

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: That is not correct.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: He did not say that, but he came pretty close to it, and if he does say that he stands alone, because practically all the nations of the world have agreed, to Canada's suggestion. If he did say that what we did was right and wise in constituting a police force to keep the peace of the Middle East, then why those belligerent statements that would involve us in a global war in which millions might die in atomic and hydrogen warfare?

When speaking to the Senate of Canada one's words should be well weighed, and particularly so when saying things that might bring about the disaster of another world war which Canada has striven during so many years to avoid.

I hope I have not misinterpreted my honourable friend, for he is a friend and I hope will continue to be so, but I do regret that he made that speech.

And now, honourable senators, permit me to move the adjournment of the debate.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.