

were created by the United Nations, of which we are one, and the peril that we have suffered has come primarily from Egypt, which in every sense of the word has broken her obligations under the treaty. Israel has taken her stand on the Gaza strip today for only one purpose, namely, her own safety. She is asking only one thing from the United Nations, that she also have the right to use the canal. From my reading of the news in the press, the United Nations has not said anything that would ensure to Israel the right to use the canal. Surely the words we read in this bill, "to help finance the clearing of the Suez Canal" in their wider sense should mean the clearing of the canal for the use of nations which are entitled to use it. I cannot see any other sense to it. Are we only going to dig up those few ships sunk by Nasser? And who is behind Nasser? Russia. To me the situation is indefensible. I am not going to oppose this vote, but unless the canal is cleared for use by all nations which are entitled to use it, what is the good of spending this money?

I cannot overlook the fact that Russia has openly defied the United Nations, and India has done the same. Indeed, country after country has defied the United Nations. The only nations which today are being put under threat of action by the United Nations are those which are disposed to submit to the pressure of the United Nations.

Sir Anthony Eden is now out of office. In my opinion what Eden did was one of the finest things that any statesman has ever done, and I want to go on record as to that. One Sunday, the first Sunday of the Suez crisis, I listened while speech after speech was made in the United Nations. I heard Cabot Lodge speak there, and alongside of him was the representative of Russia, with the blood dripping from his hands because of the things that were happening in Hungary at that time.

Now, honourable senators, I am not offering any criticism of what the Honourable Lester Pearson has done. I think he is one of the great statesmen of the world.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Farris:** I think he appreciated the realities of the situation when he frankly said how closely we were tied in to the policy of the United States. I think that was a very practical statement. Now I have heard a lot of criticism of Dulles, who I think has been very inappropriate in his expressions, but in my opinion he has never expressed anything that did not have the backing of Eisenhower, and for my part I do not think Eisenhower has played the game

with the British Empire. When we come to this question "But what could Pearson do?" we are faced with the grim possibilities as regards Russia, and the question: If we do not co-operate with the United States what is going to happen to us? Those are practical realities that we have to accept and the time has come when no party in Canada should have any disagreement with the policy of the present Government in the necessities that confront us.

I would like to know what assurance the United Nations is going to give to Israel which is being threatened with reprisals in order to drive her out of Gaza and compel her to submit to the dictates of Nasser. I cannot find any reason in God's earth why Israel is being treated in the way it is.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck:** Honourable senators, I want to make just one or two remarks. I asked a question and I would like to put myself right. I am going to vote for this million dollars of course, because it is necessary in the public interest of the whole world that the canal be cleared and as rapidly as possible—and particularly is it in the interest of Great Britain that it be cleared—but at the same time I would like to know whether after we clear the canal we are going to allow Mr. Nasser to run off with the fees paid by the shipping of the world for passage through the cleared canal or if this million dollars of ours is going to be repaid out of the fees. If it is not to be repaid, then the proposal is a jug-handled proposition, it is cockeyed. If we clear the canal and then allow Nasser to take the receipts while he defies the rest of the world, and denies use of the canal to Israel, we are just being stupid.

I want to say also that I agree with my friend from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris) with regard to Israel. Israel has played a heroic hand and I hope she has the courage to stay right where she is in the Gaza strip and in the Aqaba area. She should not withdraw until she gets the guarantee she requires for her own safety and her own freedom of the seas.

**Hon. John A. McDonald:** Honourable senators, in view of what the honourable Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig) has said about Vote 538, I wish to repeat how deeply appreciative the farmers, especially those of eastern Canada, are for this freight assistance that has been given by the Administration over the years. With the present high cost of farmers' supplies and the lowering prices they receive for their finished products, this has