

Mr. Speaker, we are deciding in this session a matter of vital concern to all Canadians. The issue of banishing the scourge of war for generations to come rises high above partisan politics and rhetoric. The men at the front, their families and friends at home, all Canadians, say that it must never happen again. We must not fail them.

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: If the hon. member will permit a question, has he read the entire paragraph on page 38 of *Hansard* from which he quoted a sentence from the speech by the hon. member of Rosetown-Biggar (Mr. Coldwell) and does he not think that he has distorted the meaning of that paragraph by giving just the sentence he quoted?

Mr. ROSE: No, I have not distorted it. I read and studied that whole page very carefully and I based my remarks on the whole essence of the hon. member's speech, not just on those few words.

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: Did the hon. member read the sentence regarding the solidarity of the three great powers?

Mr. ROSE: Is the hon. member making a speech now?

Mr. WILFRID LaCROIX (Quebec-Montmorency) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, paragraph 3 of the resolution on which the government requests our approval reads as follows:

That this house approves the purposes and principles set forth in the proposals of the four governments, and considers that these proposals constitute a satisfactory general basis for a discussion of the charter of the proposed international organization.

Now, I think the decisions which have already been taken at Yalta and which undoubtedly will be ratified at San Francisco already include the germs of a new war, and this as a consequence of the stand which Russia, England and the United States have taken at Yalta in agreeing to the spoliation of Polish territory, and also because Russia has been conceded a right of veto on whatever decisions may be taken against her interests by a majority of the four powers having permanent membership.

To my mind it is not to be doubted that the San Francisco conference will ratify the decisions taken at Yalta. Yet, the government asks us, by this resolution, to approve the purposes and principles set forth in the proposals already framed by the governments which will have permanent membership in the security council. At Yalta the reasons put forward to involve Canada into the war have shamefully been side-stepped, and Hitler resorted in 1939

to historical arguments just as Stalin is doing to-day, when he claims eastern Poland. Because England and Canada considered the nazi demands as being at variance with the Versailles treaty and other agreements with Poland, neither London nor Ottawa wanted to let Hitler take Polish territory without Warsaw's consent, and our present Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) even went to Berlin, at the request of the British government, to warn Hitler that if Polish territory was in any way violated, it would mean war as far as Canada was concerned. Stalin's present demands, to which Churchill and Roosevelt have yielded, are much harsher for the Poles than were Hitler's in 1939. Moscow claims more than one-third of Poland, and Polish integrity and sovereignty are definitely cast aside. All this has happened in violation of the principles expounded at the beginning of the war in the Atlantic charter which has foundered in the ocean of that name.

After this sacrifice of the right of peoples to self-determination, Yalta will be recorded in history as a conference constituting a repetition of Munich, as well as the most complete surrender of democracy to Stalin's dictatorship. If we were opposed to nazi annexations in 1939 why did we declare war to permit sovietic annexations in 1945? We shall see, after this war, communistic influence permeate the whole of Europe and if Canada approves the purposes and principles set forth in the proposals already framed at Yalta, it means for us a war in which we shall inevitably be involved within ten or fifteen years.

The security council will have only four permanent members and, contrary to the principles of international justice, each one of those four member-governments will have a right of veto on any decision taken by the majority, which will necessarily mean war, should a decision be unacceptable to Russia. As the Russian government is wholly under the control of a dictator, Stalin, just as the German government is under the control of Hitler, one can easily imagine the adventure toward which we are heading by going to San Francisco. Such an adventure will be all the more regrettable as it will mean for this country permanent enforcement of conscription so that we may play our part in the international army which will have to maintain order in the world. That is an absurd and idiotic policy for a young country like ours, whose population is just 12 million, with an area as large as Europe awaiting development. Why should we not imitate Ireland and the Irish who, unlike us, remain first and before all