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can make life completely certain and secure. This is the tragedy and the horror of communism, that it makes the state god. It denies the spiritual and expects the super-human of humans. There is no wisdom in this. Surely faith in the honesty and effort of the individuals we elect to our governments is more realistic and reliable than desperate hope of their infallibility. Our strength is that we do not think our form of government is perfect. It has been developing, maturing, correcting itself ever since Magna Carta and, God willing, it will continue this growth and improvement for seven times 700 years.

Let us—and who better than members of this house who should understand democracy—produce some propaganda of our own to offset the constant stream of communistic propaganda. Communism may at first glance appear impressive and efficient to some young people, but it certainly has not yet proven the depths of human strength, the individual thinking and individual organization and God-inspired courage that produced a Battle of Britain in our pages of history.

If I sound hackneyed to my more seasoned colleagues, forgive me. It does seem to me that these things should be said and I appeal to those who can say them with authority to remember that people want and need to have their faith renewed in the democratic system. Fear of repetition should not deter us from pointing out its strength and its advantages.

Mr. Speaker, may I thank the house for its courteous attention to this, my first speech in this chamber, which has on occasion heard some of the best orators that Canada has

produced. May I thank the house, too, for the warmth of the reception extended to me upon my entry this time last year and for the generous friendship and assistance that I was offered by hon. members individually and by departmental officials when I began my duties. I appreciate the amount of good will bequeathed me by the former hon. member for Grenville-Dundas and the present hon. member for Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Rowe). Whether God wills that my years in this chamber be few or many, I hope to earn the same reputation for honesty, fair play and congeniality.

(Translation):

And now, Mr. Speaker, I am very sorry I am unable to speak French perfectly, but I do wish to improve my knowledge of French. In this connection, I thank my distinguished and charming French colleagues for their friendship.

On motion of Mr. Pearson the debate was adjourned.

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Mr. Diefenbaker moved the adjournment of the house.

He said: On Monday, we will proceed with this debate.

Mr. Speaker: I think it is clearly understood that the adjournment is until 2.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 4.10 p.m.