

feasible to continue in this field, and costly strikes, reduced demand, accelerating inflation and the high cost of money are curtailing profits. These are the end results of the policies of this government on our large corporations, and they are having equally disastrous results on our small businessmen throughout the nation. In my opinion, the answer does not lie in building up a greater bureaucracy in Ottawa. As we say in Atlantic Canada, we have too many people cutting bait and not enough fishing. We cannot share the wealth until it is first produced. We cannot have a higher standard of living in this country without increasing productivity first and increasing the quality of our product. Unfortunately, this is not the situation which exists at the present time. In my opinion, steps should be taken immediately to reduce the number of people in the establishment in Ottawa, not expand it.

At page 3 of the Throne Speech there are words with which I can agree. It states that we have an economy that is in need of adjustment, a society beset by a variety of tensions, an environment that has been abused and degraded, an international community that is under intense pressures and that these are the problems that demand our urgent attention. Of course they do, but do you Liberals ever ask yourselves what brought about this desperate situation in Canada so graphically described by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) in the Throne Speech? Did it ever occur to you that it is the policies of your government that have thrown our economy out of adjustment and almost completely out of control?

It is the policies of your government that have beset our society with tensions, and which promise more of the same now that Chinese communists can legally come to Canada, where they are already reported as increasing their efforts to turn Toronto's Chinatown into a Maoist stronghold. The tears in the eyes of the Nationalist Chinese as they watched their ambassador depart from Canada gave some indication of their concern for their future wellbeing in this country.

If this does not worry the Liberal party and its members then it should, because it worries me and it worries the people I represent in this House. It is the policies of this government that have placed our international community under intense pressures. With your defence and foreign policy, or lack of it, we have lost the respect of our former NATO allies. It was some 37 years ago, at the famous Quebec conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Mackenzie King, that a decision was made to proceed with the invasion of Normandy to liberate northwest Europe. At that time Canada had reason to be proud, for our armed forces commanded respect. Today, in matters of defence and foreign policy, our reputation in the western world is almost extinct, and in some quarters it is held up to ridicule and abuse.

Obviously, we are now trying to isolate ourselves from the world by walking out on our NATO allies at a critical time. Britain is obliged to send another brigade to fill the gap we left in the NATO defence line. As a result of our actions, we no longer command the same confidence and respect of our two closest friends, England and

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the United States, our partners and allies on the Normandy beaches. The same can be said of our relations with the people of the Netherlands, the people of France as well as the people of Belgium. They labelled our recent white papers on foreign affairs as so much window dressing, for in essence they indicate we have no clear purpose and we have no defence policy.

However, they have done one thing. They have given encouragement to socialist and communist governments throughout the world. Many Canadians are now beginning to ask why we are isolating ourselves and why we are no longer interested in international co-operation. Those of you who support the present government have a responsibility to answer these questions in view of the calibre of the government with which we are now allied, such as communist controlled Cuba and communist controlled China.

Today, when the strength of NATO is vital to world peace, I believe that Canada would be well advised to take a greater interest and responsibility in collective security than is presently the case. The present government seems to have forgotten that world communist leaders may from time to time alter their timetables, but their objective remains the same, namely, world domination and a completely controlled society.

At the rate we are going under the hon. member for Trinity's (Mr. Hellyer) disastrous unification scheme, we shall soon be like an old dog, a dog that can bark but cannot bite. We are simply deluding ourselves if we believe we are under the United States nuclear umbrella and, therefore, we have no need to train combat troops; that our NATO allies can provide a detente with the Communist forces without us. In my opinion, we are drawing the wrong conclusions because we start with the wrong premise. I only hope that Canadians become aroused to what is happening to us in the international sphere under this government before it is too late.

Our Prime Minister had planned to visit Russia. In view of internal problems in this country we are told now that this visit has been postponed, but he will be going at a later date. In view of his attitude towards NATO I have some questions for him and I hope he will secure some answers when he does visit Moscow. For example, I should like to know why there has been such a massive increase in Russian military power in the Middle East, as well as the addition of four more communist divisions facing NATO forces. We would like to know the reason for the great Russian naval expansion or buildup in the Mediterranean. We would like to know why Russia now has some 10,000 military advisers in Egypt, and why there are also some 100 Soviet flown MIG-21 planes and some 22 Soviet-manned missile sites in that country. Why is the Soviet navy stretching out into all the world's oceans with new naval bases being established? Why should they increase their fishing fleets enormously on the east coast the number of ships which can easily be converted to naval ships if the occasion should require it? Surely, we should know.

We should ask ourselves why Russia is building up this great military strength so quickly. How realistic are the