

us and the C.C.F., on the question of forewarning,--on the basis of history and experience, the need of the people, of the working people, the farmers and the middleclass people, the majority of the people of the nation, to understand that when a change does take place, if it anywhere goes into fundamentals, it has invariably been the case that the powers that be do not give up that position willingly and try to gain back lost positions and use all means, and as a matter of fact use the most illegal means possible, because actually the laws of the land are then established by a constituted democratic government. Is not that so? Have we not got historic examples to prove that that is exactly how it invariably works? Certainly. That is the difference.

By Mr. MacINNIS:

Q. The government using those means is not using violence.

It is the opposing side that would be using violence?

A. That is correct.

Q. You are assuming now -- when you say what you did with regard to the C.C.F. party -- that the social democrats everywhere, such as the labour party in Great Britain, the labour party in New Zealand and Australia, would not use the legal means at their disposal to maintain the government to which they were legally elected? A. Well, I would say, Mr.

MacInnis, if you will permit me, that the German Social Democratic party certainly did not fight for its position.

Q. I would rather not go into that, because if I did there are certain things that I would have to say which I do not want to have to say. A. All right. I am quite satisfied.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Q. Mr. Freed, do you know whether the Communist Party, in the summer of 1940, during August or September, changed its