

government business. But today aircraft are being used simply as a personal perquisite of ministers who get the Canadian people to pay the bill.

There is one further matter I want to deal with very shortly, Mr. Speaker. The members of this House might as well stay at home in so far as having any of their views listened to in connection with anything, but in particular external affairs. All through the years and in the days of war Prime Minister King gave opportunities to members of the House of Commons to debate for a couple of days foreign affairs, not on opposition days but on government days.

Where do Canada's present foreign affairs policies come from? Do they come from the House of Commons? We have never been consulted. These policies originate in the head of Ivan Head and the Prime Minister. If we had the right to speak, would we be permitting what has happened in Cuba? Instead of coddling Castro, would we not be pointing out the danger to world peace of his having his troops in Angola today crushing those who believe in freedom?

Why is it that Canada is unpopular internationally, as the Hon. John Turner said? All over South America and Central America they are saying "There stands Castro with an army which he is ready to use at any time at all in any country". I should like to know what happened to the two planes that were provided Castro by the Canadian government. Were they used for the shipment of soldiers from Cuba? I ask that because apparently the minister knows, even outside of the round table. Where are those aircraft today? What compensation did the government of Cuba pay Canada for those planes?

Has any member of parliament been given the opportunity to speak out concerning the tremendous danger to world peace today as the U.S.S.R. moves forward everywhere, protected as it is by the agreement that was entered into in Helsinki? I spoke out against it; I said it was wrong, that it was dangerous. It would simply mean that the western nations would approve of the diabolical cruelties perpetrated against Ukrainians and Baltic peoples and others behind the iron curtain. Did we have the opportunity to speak about this, Mr. Speaker? Did the government of Canada have the right to decide to support the Helsinki pact without asking parliament at least for an opinion? Today, in this country, external affairs are not in the control of the trained people in the department. They are merely the machinery. What Head and the Prime Minister decide becomes Canadian policy, and that is too dangerous.

I now suggest to the government—and I will have the Minister of Agriculture pass this on to those in authority—that we be given a couple of days periodically for the purpose of expressing our views, because as things are continuing, more and more this nation is finding itself turning its back on nations that preserve freedom and is turning in the general direction of countries which today are under the domination, directly or indirectly, of the U.S.S.R. and communism.

Never in all the years has this been more dangerous to freedom than today, and NATO nations are beginning to realize this. The Kremlin has built up the most tremendous two armies on earth, as well as the largest navy which moves

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down the Mediterranean as it has tried to do since the days of King Peter the Great. In the last week there has been the suggestion of fear at the degree to which the U.S.S.R. is building up atomic or hydrogen instruments of war. We do not get the chance to talk about that, because where Head is there is Trudeau also. Experienced members of external affairs might just as well keep their mouths shut, because Canada's policy is being determined by two individuals. That is too dangerous to the peace of this country and of the world.

I am not going to say more today, Mr. Speaker. I have never known a government that fears there might be some control in parliament over expenditures as this. We have none at all. In the early days of parliament, members of the House would be all together in committee of the whole dealing with the estimates. I know how some ministers have sometimes been concerned. When I was prime minister they would say, "My department's estimates are coming up and I think I have something to explain". I said, "If you have, explain it". There is none of that today. The way the administration is today, the government of Canada could hide away \$100 million without this parliament or any member of it having the right to object, because they would never know anything about it.

I listened to the hypocritical remarks of the Prime Minister today who pretended that suddenly he had developed a love for this institution. I can only recall that on one occasion he said that many members of parliament in the Liberal party were bums, and I do not want to disagree with that because he would know, Mr. Speaker. He said, "We will get rid of them at the next election". The rest of us were nobodies. He is the individual who tomorrow night, as Canada wonders where the nation is going, will be speaking to the Canadian people. No one is more responsible for the divisions that have taken place in Canada than the Prime Minister—no one.

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**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Tomorrow he is going to tell us what is good for this nation. Let me tell you that I hold no brief for Mr. Levesque, but I never heard a word of criticism from the Prime Minister during the election campaign when there was more at issue than the provincial election. There was a host of members of the Liberal party in this House who went down to tell the people of Quebec what was wrong, but the people of Quebec told them through their vote where they could go. This country is divided, and the man who is responsible is the Prime Minister of this country. I have no hesitation in saying that, none at all.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That is a fact, and even that hon. member from British Columbia knows it. When she goes back to her constituency she will have difficulty explaining that that is not so. People are aroused, and they are aroused because this man has taken it upon himself to determine the future of the country. Is it not an interesting revelation that in the last couple of days Levesque has decided to restore the oath of