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years during which my hon. friends opposite have been responsible for government policy there does not appear to have been any fundamental change in policy on foreign affairs, in any important respect or indeed in any respect.

My hon. friend cannot have it both ways. Either the Leader of the Opposition is right or the hon. member for Cartier is right. I am afraid that the hon. member for Cartier has simply been carried away by his enthusiasm and, may I say with respect, by his partisanship. The hon. member went on to picture all the wonderful things that the Liberals had done for Israel. I remind hon. gentlemen that when the chips were down in 1956 at the time of the Suez crisis it was the Conservative party that stood beside Israel and not the Liberal party. Today Israel has no finer friend than Canada and the hon. member for Cartier, I observe, nods his head in approval. I point out to him that he does not help Israel very much by the kind of remarks he made this evening.

The hon. member mentioned that the world bank made a loan for improvements in the Suez canal and intimated that we just followed along behind the United States. The facts are that this loan was approved unanimously by all of the members of the world bank and that his own leader did not utter even one little peep to suggest that Canada should protest the making of that loan. It is all very well for the hon. member to rise and suggest that the Canadian government should have followed another course but if his party thought such action should be taken then it should have had the courage to say so and not try to cash in now by a speech made by the hon. member for Cartier.

The hon. member suggests that under my direction of the external affairs of Canada we have been afraid to criticize anybody. The situation in fact is that we have criticized so many people and stood up to so many countries, I wonder at our having any friends left at all. We have taken far more independent stands on foreign affairs than the Liberal government ever took when it was in power and this within the last eight months.

I intend to point out some of these stands we took. Most hon. members already know them. Let us take, for example, the stand on the resolution concerning the nuclear test in the Sahara by France. We voted for that resolution right down through the piece when very few western nations were doing so. We voted for the resolution because we thought that was the right thing to do. Here we were with a resolution of our own urging that there be a more effective collection of information on radiation and fall-out and a more effective distribution of that information. We thought that test was wrong and

we did not hesitate to vote against it. In doing so we incurred a great deal of displeasure in France. Here was one of our oldest friends, one of our mother countries, and yet we voted against her and against the United States, the United Kingdom and various other countries because we thought they were wrong. The very last thing we can properly and fairly be accused of is standing on the side lines and failing to take a stand.

The hon. member for Cartier and several other hon. members including the hon. member for Richelieu-Vercheres (Mr. Cardin) and my old friend, the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue), had a happy time during their speeches ringing the changes on this charge that the Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) had repudiated his Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Cardin: What else can the hon. member call it?

Mr. Green: My hon. friend asked what else I could call it. I should have thought that the hon. member for Richelieu-Vercheres would have had more sense. He fell a great deal in my estimation this afternoon when he made that ridiculous speech which had nothing in it of any value from start to finish. His famous uncle would have hung his head in shame if he had heard that speech. The only topic he had to discuss was that the Prime Minister had repudiated me.

Mr. Cardin: Exactly.

Mr. Green: The hon. member says "exactly" and he pounds his desk.

Mr. Cardin: Right.

Mr. Green: May I tell him that the Prime Minister and I have fought shoulder to shoulder in this house on issue after issue for the last 20 years—

Mr. Cardin: Not on this question.

Mr. Green: —and there has never been any question of either one of us repudiating the other.

Mr. Cardin: Not until this issue.

Mr. Green: The trouble is that this type of thing went on in the Liberal cabinet time and again but it does not go on in the Conservative cabinet.

Mr. Pearson: I was allowed to declare policy and you are not. That is the difference.

Mr. Green: Let the Leader of the Opposition take his medicine. He was very good at making political attacks last Thursday. Perhaps he can just sit still and listen today.

Mr. Chevrier: You had better give that advice to your own followers.