

*North Atlantic Treaty*

mosquitoes; clean up the swamps that breed them." In my judgment there would be no sense at all going into this pact without a firm determination that Canada will take the lead in ridding the western world at least of those evils which Stalin and his reds expect to turn to the uses of communistic revolution, amongst which would be recurring depressions—the reds count on depressions—poverty amidst plenty in all its manifestations and amongst all groups; abuses of private enterprise such as monopolies and cartels; dwindling human rights and freedoms; prejudices, hatreds and all such things. An intensive campaign ought to be undertaken to arouse the Canadian people, to the last man, in an effort to abolish these evils. Canadians must be aroused until they have a passion, all of them, for a truly Canadian way of life which really means something to the Canadian people on the basis of performance, and for which they will strive as dynamically as does the red for communism. When this condition comes, communism will disappear and an Atlantic pact against communism will not be necessary.

But this kind of passion for our Canadian way of life cannot be aroused by mere slogans and promises, nor by exaggerated claims. Businessmen and industrialists and governments and ordinary citizens of this country, as in all the western countries that aim to become parties to this pact, must realize that we cannot meet and beat the passions of the Marxists with a mere counterpassion of hate and greed and fear. These are the very tools with which the communists work. I believe the worst possible thing we could do would be to become passionate haters of communists. This is exactly what the reds thrive on in the fomenting of what they call class war. Moreover, when Canadian and American businessmen continue to pursue the almighty dollar, as they have been doing, they thereby put money before men. There again they play right into the hands of the communists, who know that materialism of this kind is sure to bring on the world revolution for which they yearn and dream.

Businessmen in all these western countries must clean up their houses. Governments and the people generally must join in the housecleaning process. If they do not, the money-grabbing greed of a comparatively few men may cause us to lose the cold war. The chief bet of the Marxists today is big business, against which there are already a good many black marks chalked up. There is no use in big business or anybody else trying to blame somebody else, as for instance the government. Blaming others is the communists' device for dividing men and conquering nations.

[Mr. Low.]

If we face ourselves and change our attitudes; if instead of blaming, fighting and exploiting others we begin to take personal and company responsibility for making a new world; we can find the answer to frustration without any difficulty. Frustration always comes from fuming at people and things about which there is nothing you can do. I think we should start with every man cleaning up his own back yard. I believe Canada can start by putting her own house in order. If we can clean up what is wrong with Canada, the communists simply cannot breed and flourish here. I think our co-operative efforts among the nations should be directed toward producing the kind of world everybody wants, and when we do that I say the communists will want it too. But let us not allow our attention to be so fixed on communists and communism that we do not notice other subversive forces that are hard at work in our society. There are such, and we have to be aware of them.

Now I want to say a word of warning to this government. In the past you have carried on as though you did not know there were forces at work in all the societies of the world, forces linked together in an international intrigue to get control of the economies of all nations, including our own. You have acted as if you did not realize that these forces were feverishly working to place themselves in a protected position above the law, where they might be free to carry on their intrigues and manoeuvres unnoticed and unchallenged. Some of the implications, at least, if not the wording of certain clauses of this treaty make some of us a bit uneasy, in the feeling that there might have been some soiled fingers of power seekers at work in the drafting of these clauses, such as article 8, which is full of vague, weasel words and phrases that might be interpreted to mean anything. The same could be said of article 2, which provides the basis for economic and cultural co-operation. Before the government sign the pact we think they should assure themselves and this house and the people of Canada that article 8 does not re-commit Canada to Bretton Woods and the principles of the Washington loan agreements. Moreover we think Canada should know in detail before signing the treaty by what means it proposes, as article 2 says, to—

—seek to eliminate conflict in their international economic policies and will encourage economic collaboration between any or all of them . . .

We understand that changes may be made in the treaty at the forthcoming Washington conference. Let us therefore charge our representatives to make doubly sure there are no