

political purposes.

BY MR. DUPUIS:

Q. Do I understand you to say that communists who are now interned in Hull are unjustly interned? A. Yes.

Q. Just because they were, before the declaration of war by Russia on Germany - they were isolationists or something of that kind? A. Yes.

Q. Now, I understand that in view of the fact that the situation has changed, the communists being on our side, and Russia being on our side, that we should release the communists unless there is some other unknown reason why they should be interned? A. I do not think they should be released because Russia is on our side; I think they should be released on the basis of their willingness to help this country defend itself.

Q. Now, let us go a step farther and take the case of one internee who is now in that state of mind; he is in favour of winning this war jointly with Russia and Canada and the United Nations; when the case appears before the Advisory Board evidence is shown that over and above his sympathy and his activity to win the war he entertains the idea and embraces the programme or policy of overthrowing the Canadian government by violence: now, would you suggest that the Advisory Board would retain him behind the bars? A. I would go a step further, and again I tell you that it is not a case of throwing any compliments around - I am not only opposed to the Mackenzie King government being overthrown by violence but I am opposed to its being subject to any kind of political trickery.