

endeavouring to argue that because a thing may be said in this house, with all the privileges that attach to parliamentary statements, the same thing may be repeated outside this house with the same privileges.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): The minister knows perfectly well that is not what I was arguing; but every speech contained in this pamphlet was delivered in this house, and neither the minister who just spoke nor any other hon. member opposite took particular exception to them. If in this house anything was said that was so subversive that some person's house had to be raided in order to procure copies of it, certainly some objection would have been advanced in this house by the government, but no objection was raised. Nothing was said; yet the police break into somebody's house to collect these harmless pamphlets. One may not agree with what is in them, but certainly some reason should be given for their seizure.

The Minister of Justice says we are fighting for the freedom of the individual. We are; but most certainly we have no right to ask individuals in Canada to give up those liberties which have come down to them through the centuries, some of which most certainly are being infringed upon at the present time under the administration of these regulations.

The second thing for which the Minister of Justice said we were fighting was the freedom of national groups to develop their culture and traditions. That is true. Those hon. members who had the privilege of seeing the two or three motion pictures put out by the national film board last Thursday, must have been impressed by the picture called "The People of Canada," showing as it did the different racial groups which have come from all parts of the world to make up the Canadian people. They must have been impressed by the fact that these heterogeneous groups have been welded together by two things—freedom and tolerance. That is what we want in Canada; yet I would point out that we have denied to some of these groups the very thing for which the minister says we are fighting, the right to develop their culture and traditions. I refer, for instance, to the Ukrainian labour group. There may be among the Ukrainian labour group unpatriotic leadership of which I do not know; there may be some men or women in that organization who are not acting in the best interests of Canada, and if there are such persons they should be dealt with. But I am familiar with a great many branches of the Ukrainian labour organization, which constitutes for the Ukrainian people a cultural home, a place where they meet together in order to keep

alive their culture, their language and their traditions. I submit that we are not helping the cause of Canada by declaring that to be an illegal organization.

The third thing for which the minister said this country was engaged in war was the liberty of Christian faith, and surely we will all agree with him there. But the liberty of what Christian faith? I took it to mean the right for the minister to worship his Creator the way he thinks fit and best; and my right to do the same in the way I think right and best. But in this Dominion of Canada, almost before the war was on its way, we declared to be an illegal organization a sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr. BRADETTE: And rightly so.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): I do not agree with either the theological or the eschatological views of that sect; but because I do not agree with their particular religious views, I do not see why I must deny those people the right to worship their Maker in the way they think He ought to be worshipped. Yet that is what we have done, and not only to Jehovah's Witnesses. It has been done to an organization known as Technocracy Incorporated, having in its membership thousands of people with whose views most of us do not agree. No reason has, however, been given why that organization should be declared an illegal one.

Mr. MARTIN: Incipient fascists.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): The hon. member says they were incipient fascists. Perhaps they were. But has that ever been proven in any court of law? Has any evidence been presented? Was that organization permitted to go into a court of law and present its case? Has any evidence been presented before the Canadian people? Certainly not.

The communist party was banished. Few organizations have suffered more at the hands of the communist party than the group with which I am associated.

Mr. BRADETTE: Not always. I have seen them parading together in northern Ontario—Cooperative Commonwealth Federation and communist. Yes, I have.

Mr. DOUGLAS (Weyburn): Many of us have seen you and the fascists pretty close together in your section, too.

Mr. BRADETTE: I have seen communists and C.C.F.'s together.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): You must have a funny country up there.