

*North Atlantic Treaty*

about international affairs at the time of the Cairo and Teheran conferences and all the others? I asked the right hon. member for Glengarry (Mr. Mackenzie King) that question and he answered me. I said to him, "Are we invited to these conferences?" and he said, "no." His answer was that what was decided there had great weight for us and was of great importance. That was his answer. We were not there, and yet we had to suffer the penalty for not being there, although we were told that we were on the same footing as all other nations. That was delightful. I heard the member for Argenteuil (Mr. Héon) speak a little while ago. He talked about international sovereignty. Whoever thought of that? It is a square wheel; it is nonsense. I cannot understand such a brilliant lawyer using that expression. It shows how—I will not use the word "silly"—strange some people can be in their reasoning when they begin to talk on matters that they know nothing about.

Who will decide as to manpower? Will it be all the parties who will sign the North Atlantic treaty? Will they decide about the manpower that will have to be supplied by any country?

Before concluding I have one more thing to say. During the war I fought for respect of the dignity of man. I fought for respect of the man in overalls in any essential industry. He deserved praise. His role was less glorious than that of the soldier who was the victor on a battlefield, but it was no less necessary. I tried to defend all these men who were engaged in essential industries, farmers, railwaymen, all those engaged in the manufacturing of arms, munitions, and everything that would help the soldier. To my great surprise I had the support of Mr. Coleman, the president of the C.P.R., and I had the support of Mr. Vaughan, the president of the C.N.R., but I did not have the support of the brotherhoods whose cause I fought in the House of Commons when I discussed the matter in English in the house.

Therefore, sir, if we have an emergency I hope that we will keep our sense of proportion to a greater degree than we did during the last war. I hope that the organization of the army will be entirely different from what it was during the last war. There is no reason for continuing to receive wrong advice from the brass hats who won wars on their swivel chairs in the Department of National Defence. As the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) has mentioned manpower, it entitles me to talk about brass hats. They are coming to the top. Who is that gentleman who makes pronouncements that we should be at war with Russia? What is his name? I forget glory so quickly that I even forget

his name. Who was the one who was the commander of the Canadian army after General McNaughton left?

**An hon. Member:** General Crerar.

**Mr. Pouliot:** Perhaps, but he made the pronouncement that we should be bellicose, that we should fight to the last man. Now he is retired. That is all right. I could tell some very funny stories about his truck, but I will abstain from that.

**Mr. Williams:** Tell us one.

**Mr. Pouliot:** No; I will tell you privately. The brass hats are out of the war, but they are preaching war; they are warmongers. Are they to boss all the countries of the world at the present time? I had so much trouble with them during the last war in my defence of the soldier, in my defence of the man in overalls, that I do not want them to start the same show now.

That is why I am very cautious about this treaty. I am not opposing it now, because it has the authority of many people whom I respect. All I can do now is to refrain from voting until I get more information from the Secretary of State for External Affairs as soon as the treaty is again before the house.

**Mr. Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie):** I move the adjournment of the house.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** The hon. member moves the adjournment of the house.

**Mr. Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie):** I made a mistake. I move the adjournment of the debate.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** The house decided that it would sit beyond ten-thirty. If the hon. member wishes to speak now I think we can hear him.

**Mr. Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie):** You cannot do that unless there is unanimous consent to sit after ten-thirty.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** If the hon. member had remained in the house he would have known what happened. He would know now what was decided here about fifteen minutes ago. Just about fifteen minutes ago the house decided unanimously not to adjourn at ten-thirty.

**Mr. Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie):** I am informed to the contrary.

**Mr. St. Laurent:** All those who are here are in accord with what I have stated.

**Mr. Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie):** Mr. Speaker, I was informed that the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) was allowed to conclude his remarks. Is that correct?

**Some hon. Members:** No.