

## Supply

that the communist regime, if it is to be recognized, must work its passage. The forthcoming conference at Geneva will, I think, be the first occasion upon which communist negotiators have sat down at a conference table with negotiators from the west. I believe we should perhaps regard that as a test of the good faith of the communist regime, not necessarily the one and only or final test but at least one test. I believe we should proceed in this matter with caution and make haste very slowly.

On the other hand I believe the Prime Minister was wise in pointing out that to adopt a never, never policy would not be sound. It would tie our hands diplomatically. It would not enable us to maintain a freedom of diplomatic manoeuvre. After all, in the changing circumstances of this age, no one can predict with certainty how far conditions may change in the years to come. For that reason, I think it is wise to maintain a flexible policy and to forswear a rigid course in these diplomatic matters.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, may I say that I mentioned the Geneva conference. I feel that we are doing the right thing in being represented there. I hope that it may achieve a great measure of success. I am afraid that hope is more in the form of a wish rather than based upon fact and may contain a degree of optimism. I believe we should take advantage of every opportunity to negotiate, because eventually out of negotiations may come understanding and agreement. It may take time. It will take patience, but the alternative is so disastrous that negotiations must continue. Of course, I do agree with the sentiments that have been expressed in different parts of the house that in these negotiations we should negotiate from strength.

On motion of Mr. Green the debate was adjourned.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Harris moved the adjournment of the house.

He said: We have been making good progress today, and I have hopes that we will do that tomorrow in this debate so that we might wind it up by five o'clock, after allowing ample time for the Secretary of State for External Affairs to fully answer the questions that have been raised during the course of the debate. If that occurs, we shall take the Criminal Code afterwards and will continue with it on Wednesday.

Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 9.57 p.m.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply:]

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Production service—

Health of animals—

547. To provide for the payment of compensation to owners of animals affected with diseases coming under the operation of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, which have died or have been slaughtered under circumstances unprovided for under the above act and regulations thereunder, in the amounts detailed in the estimates, \$838.

548. To provide for grants to fairs and exhibitions in accordance with the regulations established by order in council of December 22, 1952, P.C. 4602; for payments on account of agreements in force on December 22, 1952, with exhibition associations covering the construction of buildings and other major undertakings—further amount required and to authorize grants to the exhibitions as detailed in the estimates, \$108,000.

Marketing service—

549. Subsidies for cold storage warehouses under the Cold Storage Act, and grants, in the amounts detailed in the estimates—further amount required, \$63,083.

Terminable services—

550. Agricultural lime assistance—further amount required, \$85,000.

Special—

551. Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act and water storage—further amount required, \$139,600.

552. Major irrigation and reclamation projects in the prairie provinces—further amount required, \$230,207.

553. Estimated amount required to recoup the agricultural prices support account to cover the net operating loss of the agricultural prices support board during the fiscal year 1953-54, including authority to credit to the account the net revenue received into the agricultural products board account from the sale of New Zealand meat received in exchange for beef shipped to the United Kingdom, \$37,758,894.

## DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

A—Department—

Indian affairs branch—

Education—

554. Administration, operation and maintenance—further amount required, \$120,000.

B—National Gallery of Canada—

555. Payment to the national gallery purchase account for the purpose of acquiring works of art, in conformity with section 8 of the National Gallery Act—further amount required, \$360,000.

## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

A—Department and missions abroad—

556. To provide for official hospitality—further amount required, \$4,000.

B—General—

Terminable services—

557. Contribution to the United Nations relief and works agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East, \$500,000.

558. To provide for aid to Greece for reconstruction and rehabilitation following earthquakes in the Ionian islands, \$500,000.