

MR. MARTIN: I should like to finish this.

BY MR. MARTIN:

Q. With regard to the statement I have read to which you have expressed disagreement, there was this comment made:

"That is right. You have hit the nail on the head there. They are satisfied to side with us in the war effort not because they desire the winning of the war by Britain or the United States, but because they want to see Russia victorious in this war, and want to see the principles of communism triumph in a country where they are implemented or trying to be implemented. From that, are we not justified in still being a little bit hesitant and suspicious about people who obviously work on that basis? Are we not justified in being suspicious that, notwithstanding that they work along with us in this war, they want to take advantage of their effort, to keep their standing and be in a better position to implement their policies and their method of operation as soon as the war is over; in other words, keep the goodwill of the people upon whom they must work."

A. That is totally incorrect; and of course if it is led to the logical conclusion then I suppose communists should be in internment camps for life.

Q. I am just putting it to you. A. I am just drawing the logic of the statement. I say our position in so far as the war is concerned is first of all and primarily dictated by the interests of Canada. Any war that Canada is involved in at present or maybe involved in in the future <sup>which</sup> involves the defence of the national existence of Canada and its position as a nation, that is being threatened by a foreign power strikes me this way:  
/ I shall defend my country under all circumstances and it has no direct connection with whomever we may be in alliance with.