

## Defence Production Act

will be recalled that last year the Emergency Powers Act was abandoned because the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) told us that although the situation was serious throughout the world, it was not regarded as necessary to continue these emergency powers. It is therefore clear, Mr. Speaker, that these are not emergency powers.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** No one ever said they were, did he?

**Mr. Drew:** Mr. Speaker, I will let *Hansard* speak for itself. Over and over again hon. members opposite have referred to the emergency. Over and over again an attempt has been made to create the impression that it is to meet an emergency that this act has been brought before us in this way at this time.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** That is pure, unadulterated nonsense.

**Mr. Drew:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Defence Production has borrowed a phrase that was used earlier and has described what I have said as pure, unadulterated nonsense. In that remark the Minister of Defence Production has indicated one of the reasons why there have been occasions when certain things have been said from this side of the chamber that undoubtedly have been fairly strong in their comment upon what goes down as debate on the other side. Over and over again, Mr. Speaker, we have been told about the emergency.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** Quote me once.

**Mr. Fleming:** *Hansard* is full of it.

**Mr. Drew:** *Hansard* is full of it, Mr. Speaker. We listened to the senior member for Halifax (Mr. Dickey) basing his whole speech upon an emergency. The Minister of Defence Production (Mr. Howe) created a great bogey of the dangers confronting us by the existence of the hydrogen bomb in the hands of the Russians, and created the impression that there was an emergency which called for the introduction of this act at this time.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker,—

**Mr. Drew:** Oh, look who is up now.

**Mr. Pickersgill:**—could I ask the hon. gentleman a question? Does he think the possession of the hydrogen bomb by Russia is a bogey, as he said?

**Mr. Drew:** The interjection of the Minister—

**Mr. Pickersgill:** It was a question.

**Mr. Drew:**—of Citizenship and Immigration (Mr. Pickersgill) will bear some consideration in itself—

**Mr. Garson:** Why not answer the question?

**Mr. Drew:**—because it shows how readily hon. members opposite can go right off the argument without a moment's delay.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Answer the question.

**Mr. Drew:** The Minister of Defence Production had just said that no one had suggested there was an emergency, and now the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration is suggesting that there is.

**Mr. Harris:** No, no.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I asked you a question based on your own words.

**Mr. Garson:** Answer the question if you can.

**Mr. Howe (Port Arthur):** The bogey of the Russian bomb.

**Mr. Drew:** There are hon. members on this side of the house who have just as much reason to be concerned about defence and have shown that they are concerned about defence just as much as the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. There are hon. members on this side of the house who have kept themselves fully informed in regard to these matters, and there is not one hon. member on this side of the house who has not mentioned over and over again the menace of the hydrogen bomb. In fact, we have emphasized the need for recognizing that but, you know, it is strange that some of us actually believe the Right Hon. Winston Churchill knows just as much about world affairs as the Minister of Defence Production and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. That may be a strange thing but we actually do believe that he knows as much about world affairs. He has stated in the House of Commons at Westminster that because of the very extent of the danger that is inherent in the hydrogen bomb the hope of general peace is greater than it was before. Without being certain as to his exact words, I am certainly very close to them when I say that he summed up his argument by saying that by a strange anomaly security may become the child of terror. That is the position.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Would the hon. gentleman mind answering my question? I asked if he meant what he said when he said that the hydrogen bomb was a bogey. That is what he said, as *Hansard* will show. Is that what he meant?

**Mr. Drew:** Mr. Speaker, the minister should know that no one on this side has suggested that the hydrogen bomb is a bogey.