

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: My remarks at this stage will be relatively brief. However, I think I should make some reference to statements made about the proposed loan of \$1 million to the United Nations Organization to help finance the clearing of the Suez Canal. I quite agree with the honourable senator from Vancouver South (Hon. Mr. Farris) that it is a relatively small sum of money to spend if in the end we succeed in getting the canal cleared and to make it available to the ships of all nations of the world. Whether the amount is paid back or not, it is a small consideration. Unlike the Leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig), I believe the money will be paid back. In any event, I am confident that if the cost of clearing the canal is charged against the United Nations Organization we will be given credit for this million dollars against any other payments we may have to make to it. The first step in our objective is to clear the canal, and while we are doing that we are working toward the end that it will be made available to the ships of the world.

Honourable senators, I was quite disturbed over certain remarks that were made tonight about the United States. I feel very keenly that Canada must stand together with the United States and the other free countries of the world in friendship.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: That is our only hope of salvation. We cannot fight with our friends.

Hon. Mr. Horner: We would like them to stand with us.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: We hope they will stand with us, and we must stand with them. We must stand together. Over the years the United States has been one of our true friends. She was our ally in two world wars.

Hon. Mr. Farris: She came in pretty late.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: She may have come in pretty late, but she came in in time to be a vital aid to us. I do not think we should disparage what the United States did in either of the great wars. We fought together and we were successful together. Let us stand together now.

President Eisenhower has been a friend to Canada and to the United Kingdom during all the years he has been in power. True, he did not agree with the action of the United Kingdom and France last November, but friends can disagree. Because he did not approve of what those countries did he cannot be accused of want of friendship toward them. Some may say that he did not do what they would have liked him to do, but I am

confident that he did what he did in friendship to the United Kingdom and to France. I believe he did what he thought he should do to help the United Kingdom and France and to maintain peace in the world. But, honourable senators, if you disagree with what he did then, and you think he should have done something different, do not think that he is unfriendly to our country. At least let us not do anything that will disturb the great friendship that binds us together.

Some remarks made here tonight were not complimentary to the United Nations Organization. Honourable senators, I think even the keenest supporters of the United Nations would admit that it is not perfect, but in my opinion it still is the organization which provides the greatest hope for peace in the world. No other organization has yet been proposed or set up to take its place. While we have the Honourable Mr. Pearson and his associates at the United Nations doing everything in their power to maintain peace in the world, let us do our part to support the organization and to maintain friendship with peaceful nations.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I would like to ask the honourable Leader a question. To get back to the subject of freight assistance on western feed grains, can he supply us with the total amount of freight assistance that has been given over the years? It runs, in my opinion, to something like \$200 million.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I will endeavour to get the information for the honourable senator.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Reid: Next sitting.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I understand the honourable senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) wishes to make some remarks on the subject of feed grains.

Hon. Mr. Reid: Yes.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: This bill will be placed on the Order Paper for third reading at the next sitting.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 123 to 141, dealing with petitions for divorce, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.