

question. In view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is essentially non-sectarian, and the Baden-Powell Scouts of Canada are non-sectarian, and have acted as such for years, is it legal to use "Boy Scouts" and make them sectarian?

**Hon. Mr. Lamontagne:** I can answer that question. I think the honourable senator will find that the agreement provides that the Boy Scouts of Canada will be the only internationally recognized institution in so far as international relations are concerned.

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck:** That is my information. The agreement between the two parties provides that the Boy Scouts of Canada is the international organization, not the French-speaking Catholic organization. Therefore, when international matters are to be dealt with, and delegates to be appointed to conferences abroad, that will be done by the Boy Scouts of Canada, not by the other group.

**Hon. Edgar Fournier:** Honourable senators, I know that I am speaking to no avail, but I want to restate my opposition to this bill, which is not based on religion but on the experience I have had in the Scout movement. To me, there was never any problem of religion in the Scouts. We had complete freedom. The Protestants went to their church, the Catholics went to their church, and the non-believers went to no church.

It has been said in this debate that it took 20 years to reach an agreement. I feel that this is a point of warning. If it took 20 years to reach such an easy agreement, then there must have been something wrong. I am always suspicious of these agreements of co-operation. I know that there is co-operation at the times of the meetings, but it usually disappears fast after the meetings. I have met with that experience.

We have dropped the word "Catholiques", but we keep talking about the Roman Catholic religion, and so on. But this is not my objection. My objection is that at a time when we should be preaching unity, we should not have a French or an English association in the Boy Scout movement. This is a time when we should be teaching our young people to live together and to accept the problems of each other, and to know each other. If we are to have a Canada in the future, we must build a generation the members of which are all working in harmony, instead of walking on opposite sides of the street.

In my opinion, the timing is wrong. Separation has never done any good to this country. This bill reminds me very much of a disguised separatist movement, of which I want no part.

**Hon. Paul Desruisseaux:** Honourable senators, I did not intend to take part in this debate, but as I know a little of the history of the association I feel I should say a few words for what they are worth. I was an Assistant Commissioner of the Catholic Scouts, and I value very highly the privilege of having been there to see our Catholic boys get along well with the others.

The basis for the formation of the association at that time was a Catholic group that wanted an association with the Scouts. Reciprocally, the Boy Scouts of Canada wanted very much to have representation from the French-speaking Catholics in the Province of Quebec. The Catholic Scouts of Canada can invite anybody in Canada they wish, but the fact that this association had been a Catholic association explains to me from the start why they are applying again to have the word "Catholic" in there.

It has been said here that it should not be allowed. I say that any group that wants to join the Scouts under an agreement that is binding, and is acceptable to the Boy Scouts of Canada, should be allowed to be a part of the Boy Scouts of Canada. It is now a Catholic group.

Motion agreed to, and bill read third time, on division, and passed.

#### COUNCIL OF EUROPE

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF CANADIAN SENATE AT CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY MEETINGS, STRASBOURG, AND VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA—NOTICE OF INQUIRY

**Hon. Paul Martin:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I give notice that tomorrow, Thursday, June 19, I will call the attention of the Senate to the visit of members of the Senate of Canada to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, and the visit of the Speaker of the Senate, the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and the Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, to Czechoslovakia.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, Rule 23 (g) requires that two day's notice