

*Hate Propaganda*

racism; yet the 2,000 Jews who went back to Poland after World War II are now leaving. They are being forced out for one simple reason—because they are Jews. Racism exists in communist Poland as it existed before and during World War II in fascist Poland.

Are we so free of racism in Canada? Who is there in this chamber, particularly those who come from western Canada, who has not heard or read expressions about Canadian Indians or Canadian Métis which would put to shame some of the worst material published in the United States about black Americans? These are facts with which we have to live, and because of this we support the principle of the bill.

I said earlier that some civil libertarians oppose this bill. While I disagree with them, I respect them. There are many civil libertarians, people who have put many years into defending the right of the unpopular, who are supporting this bill. I have had many differences of opinion with the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and I will have many in the future, but the Prime Minister played a very honourable role in the province of Quebec at a time when it was not very popular to oppose the former Premier, Mr. Duplessis. The Prime Minister was on a committee which studied this question, the report of which led to the presentation of this bill. The hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville (Mr. MacGuigan) was an active member of the Civil Liberties Association in Ontario before he came to this House. He was on that committee.

My colleague, the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin) has a long record, which I need not go into tonight, of defending people who are unpopular, who are being persecuted and prosecuted by the establishment. He is defending this bill. I say they have done so because the evidence is that the kind of thing about which this bill talks, hate propaganda against people simply because of their race, colour or religion, is being disseminated in this country. It is being disseminated in large quantities in virtually every province. Because this is so, and because it creates division and hatred for Canadian citizens, I believe this bill is necessary.

In passing this bill we will be joining a host of other countries which have been faced with the same problem and have attempted to deal with it in part at least by the enactment of legislation. Great Britain, a country to which we always refer when we discuss par-

liamentary democracy, freedom and human rights, has, after centuries of assuming that legislation is not necessary, now passed legislation. Sweden and other countries too numerous to mention have also passed legislation.

They have done it because they looked at the record, they looked at the history of the last 50 years and realized how deep is this hatred, how pathological, how destructive is this kind of feeling and how necessary is this legislation. When we pass this bill I say "when" because I am confident that we will—we will actually be putting into effect the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination which was passed unanimously by the UN General Assembly on November 23, 1963.

I do not expect that the passage of this bill will mean the end of all hate propaganda. I know that we will be putting a difficult task in the laps of the police, the Crown prosecutors and the judges. I know there will be divisions. I am certain that some judges will not go as far as I think they should, and I am also certain that some judges will go further than I think they should in interpreting this bill and in dealing with examples of what will be called hate literature. That is part of society, that is part of a democratic way of life.

I want to be honest. I am not certain that the provisions of this bill will be very effective, but even knowing that this may be so I support it because it seems to me that in passing the bill we, the Parliament of Canada speaking for the people of Canada, will be making a declaration and will be saying to the people of Canada: We believe that it is not only wrong, not only immoral but illegal for any person in Canada to attack, to vilify and to incite hatred and violence against any other Canadian because of his race, colour or religion. Because I believe that that kind of declaration will be useful and will in itself be an educating force which can be held up as an example to all the people of Canada, I intend to vote for this bill as it is at the present time.

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, we are speaking now to an amendment proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) who enjoys the confidence of his party, the official opposition, as their official spokesman in matters relating to the administration of justice and the review of the attorney generalship in the Department of Justice. I think we ought to