

*The Address—Mr. Green*

nations who now talk a great deal were not sufficiently concerned to do the same thing.

France and the United Kingdom stood up against the aggressors. France unfortunately went down and suffered for years under the heel of the Nazi hordes. The United Kingdom and the other nations of the Commonwealth stood alone for a whole year from June of 1940 until the summer of 1941, when Russia was shot into the war. They stood alone and saved civilization. The Canadian people know, even if the Prime Minister does not, that the United Kingdom and France have never been aggressors and are not aggressors on this occasion. Yet the Prime Minister yesterday had the effrontery to compare the actions of the United Kingdom and France with the actions of Russia in Hungary.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** Mr. Speaker, I protest—

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** I protest against this statement, which is an entire misconstruction of what is the official record of the debates in this house. No hon. gentleman who wishes to remain such should make such distortions.

**Mr. Green:** The Prime Minister once again is attempting to prevent free discussion in this house.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** If that is the kind of thing the hon. gentleman conceives to be freedom of speech, I must say that I disagree.

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Rowe:** The hon. member has the floor.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Vancouver-Quadra has the floor.

**Mr. Green:** Actually the United Kingdom and France by their action—taken, I am sure in the full realization of the tremendous risk involved—prevented a Russian-dominated Middle East, and prevented a major war. The United Nations could never have done it. The United Nations was taking no steps to meet that situation. Now the United Kingdom, France and Israel are co-operating with the United Nations and they are being kicked in the teeth for their pains. I will read again the first paragraph of the amendment:

That this house regrets that Your Excellency's advisers

(1) have followed a course of gratuitous condemnation of the action of the United Kingdom and France which was designed to prevent a major war in the Suez area.

[Mr. Green.]

Could anything more accurately set out the actual facts or more accurately describe the action taken by this Canadian government? Paragraph 2 regrets that Your Excellency's advisers—

(2) have meekly followed the unrealistic policies of the United States of America and have thereby encouraged a truculent and defiant attitude on the part of the Egyptian dictator.

In the last ten years this government has been currying favour with the United States. Ever since the second world war that has been the policy of the Canadian government. The Prime Minister realizes that the government is subject to attack on this point. Yesterday he made a great flurry about the matter. "Oh," he said, "we did not vote with the United States on two of these resolutions". No; they did not vote with the United States, but they carefully did not vote against them. Canada abstained. I wonder what would happen if the Prime Minister wanted to go and visit the posts on the D.E.W. line in northern Canada? I presume he, like other Canadians, would be obliged to get clearance at New York before he could visit those posts.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Green:** I object.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** The hon. gentleman knows that is absolutely false. He knows that no Canadian is obliged to get clearance from the United States authorities.

**Mr. Rowe:** Page Blair Fraser.

**Mr. Green:** The Prime Minister is in the same kindly, friendly, Uncle Louis mood today that he was in last night.

**Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East):** He will remain in that mood as long as there is the occasion that the hon. gentleman is providing.

**Mr. Green:** Mr. Speaker, I hope you will remember all these interruptions when you are checking my time.

United States policy in the Middle East, as far as anybody can tell what it is, has been this. In the first place, a few months ago they refused to finance the Aswan dam in Egypt. That was the direct cause of the seizure by Egypt of the Suez canal. At that time the Americans were being very tough with President Nasser. Now the policy has been completely reversed because they think he will play along with them, this stooge of the Russians. American foreign policy now is to build him up and presumably to get the United Kingdom and France out of the Middle East. Canada's policy seems to be the same. The Prime Minister yesterday made