

Mr. BLACKMORE: —and every time I went to walk around the horse to look at the other side he turned the horse so I could not see the other side, I would begin to be suspicious. And if a man wanted to sell me a farm and he insisted on my going out to see the farm in the winter time when I could not tell whether there were weeds on the farm or not, I would be suspicious. Now, there are aspects of this whole matter that to me are very suspicious, and the first one of these is that the newspapers just burst out into a peal of adulation regarding this thing the very minute it was mentioned. It was astonishing, the unanimity which prevailed. It does not matter how good this thing is, Mr. Chairman, it is not as good as that. That ought to cause any man to be just a little careful. Let me point out several things which in my mind, just as a poor ordinary common run of human being, cause me some anxiety; in fact they constitute to me evidence of a sinister influence if not a sinister design in this whole matter. For you know that if a group of evil people were seeking to accomplish an evil deed they certainly would do everything in their power to make the deed look holy and righteous; so that we must not imagine that because every aspect of this is made to look holy and righteous that it necessarily is holy and righteous either in its nature or its origin.

May I direct the attention of members first of all to the sugar coating which you find everywhere on this thing. Now, whenever I find a pretty deep tasty sugar coating I suspect a particularly nauseating pill under the sugar coating.

The CHAIRMAN: Or a particularly good chocolate cake.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Yes, one of the two.

Now, I wish to refer to things which are familiar to you all and which you have seen passed before you as important. May I turn to page 3087 of *Hansard* where the Minister of Finance was introducing this measure in the House, and read the following words which I desired to put before one of the witnesses yesterday? They are these:—

That issue is: are we and other countries to organize and co-operate for peace, or is each nation going to use its strength and resources at the expense of others in a struggle for survival?

That sacred word "peace"; because people have been lashed into a frenzy over the word, and all you need to do is mention peace with respect to even the infernal regions and people will be interested. So the minister says that the main reason or probably the main reason for considering this measure is that it will bring on peace. Now, Mr. Chairman, I will defend at length the proposition that there is not in Bretton Woods one single solitary aspect that can possibly make for world peace, because there is not a single thing in Bretton Woods that strikes at the cause of war, and the cause of war is nations in unrepayable debt or in danger of unrepayable debt. All that Bretton Woods does is put the debtor nation under an additional handicap. I think that proposition cannot be successfully controverted. It may be denied with a flourish of the hand and a toss of the head as though the person who advocated it were some kind of a fool, but that is no argument. You noticed how many times Mr. Rasminsky when under questioning stated it as his opinion; he was sure it was but he did not prove it. If we had the *Hansard* of this committee, which unfortunately we have not, and which is one of the serious aspects of this whole thing—if we had the *Hansard* we could show that time and time again when most important questions were asked involving the most important answers all he could do was give the statement of Mr. Rasminsky. And he was all the witness that we had.