

that increased freight rates will be necessary to pay increased wages and keep our railways functioning.

Passing on from that subject, I have one comment or a statement made by the honourable leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig). I wish to assure him that there is no compact among senators from British Columbia, nor are we "picking on" him in any way. As a newcomer to this chamber, I was somewhat disappointed when the honourable leader made the statement that it was not his duty to advise the government. If that is so, I cannot help wondering what is the duty of a senator. Though I came to the Senate recently, I have been in parliament since 1930, and know something of the workings of both houses. If the supporters of the government are going to sit by on the one side and acquiesce in all government legislation, and on the other side the few who are in opposition are merely going to attack legislation because it is brought down by a Liberal administration, in my opinion the eventual result will be—though perhaps not immediately—that the people of Canada will take a hand in the matter. I would remind honourable senators that even dictators can go only so far in ignoring the voice of the people. In accepting an appointment to this honourable chamber I did so with the view that I should do my best on behalf of the people of Canada, with no concern about getting votes, to watch legislation and offer criticism and also advice whenever possible or necessary. Above all else, I think that at every opportunity, honourable senators should supply some leadership to the people of this country and give of information gained from their past experience.

**Hon. Mr. Dupuis:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** During this special session of parliament the criticism has been voiced in the other place that the government has been lagging in the playing of its part in the Korean crisis. In my opinion, if there has been any lagging on the part of Canada it has been in her lack of boastfulness about the contribution she is making.

I have before me an article which appeared in the *Huron Expositor*, of Seaforth, Ontario, dated August 31. In this article there appeared the replies of forty-one member nations of the United Nations organization to the appeal sent out for assistance in the Korean crisis. I will not read the list, for I do not think it appropriate that we should point to the things which other nations have said or done, or failed to do. However, a glance at this list of replies by various countries shows clearly that this Canada of ours is endeavouring to carry out fully its agreement with the United Nations. Without

giving the names of the countries listed here, I may say that some appear prepared to hold a conference, others to send armaments, some to supply a few officers; but not all offered military assistance.

I was pleased, if no one else was, with the statement made by the honourable the Minister of National Defence on Canada's ready response to the call for active service in Korea. In the light of conditions of full employment and high wages in this country, I am particularly pleased with Canada's response in this affair. It is always easier to get recruits when there is unemployment and when men are travelling about seeking work. It is obvious, therefore, that Canada's ready offer to help in Korea is most commendable, and the response to the call for men has been most gratifying.

After we hear the taxation proposals tonight, I hope we will remember that there can be no compensation for the sacrifice of human life, and I trust that the people of this country, with world conditions as they are today, are not going to complain at this time if they have to do without certain material benefits. We can very well be proud of the voluntary enlistments by Canadians. I am one of those who believe that when the inside story is told—and it cannot be revealed at the moment for fear of jealousies and of bringing about dissension—it will be realized that Canada is far ahead of most nations in playing a part in Korea.

I want to commend the United States for its quick action in Korea on behalf of the United Nations, but I am one of those who believe that Canada should make it clear now that she is not prepared to carry out every obligation undertaken by the United States. We should not be prepared to simply follow the United States if she sets out on a policy of policing the world. So long as she is acting for and under the authorization of the United Nations, I think Canada too should and will do her full part.

I was very pleased when the Minister of External Affairs stated in the House of Commons the other day that Canada or its government had no intention of interfering in Formosa, and just in passing I may say that in my opinion Canada is most fortunate in having such an experienced man as Mr. Pearson acting in the capacity of Minister of External Affairs.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Reid:** I doubt if any other nation has in its cabinet such an experienced man in foreign affairs. Mr. Pearson was brought up in diplomatic circles and has given a good