

because Mr. Dupuy was representing the United Kingdom in an official capacity at Vichy. If you ask me why I say that, my answer is that I find that some erroneous statements and declarations have been made about Marshal Petain, the head of unoccupied France during the war. He was treated just the same as if he had not been recognized by the United States, by Canada and unofficially by the United Kingdom. As those facts must be true, and I use the evidence of Winston Churchill himself, I wonder why people do not admire the old man who has done his best to save the largest possible number of lives of his countrymen? Who could have done any better than he has done to save the lives of Frenchmen who were there? It was a sacrifice for him to accept that position at his age. Not only that, but my colleague the hon. member for Bonaventure (Mr. Arsenault) the other day made a speech about de Bernonville. I do not know him. All I know about him is what has been said in the house by the hon. member for Bonaventure. Those who complain about him do not know any more than does the average citizen. It is easy to utter abominations against any man. Who are the Canadians who have died on account of de Bernonville? Why do we not have the names? Tell us who they are. It is said that Canadians have been killed on account of de Bernonville, but no name is given. What is most important, Mr. Speaker, is that he has been condemned in his absence by the court of Toulouse, and Toulouse is a city of France which is in complete control of the communists. Recently there was a seizure of arms there. We hear denunciations by the communists; and when a man is attacked by the communists, everybody is credulous enough and naive enough to say, "Let's get rid of him".

The behaviour of the former French ambassador to Canada on the question of de Bernonville was shameful. I do not know what was the matter with him but let us remember at the present time France can expect much more from Canada than Canada can expect from France.

In referring to the estimates a moment ago I thought of one thing. So far as external affairs are concerned it is not so much the Department of External Affairs which is the most important. It is the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. I congratulate the new Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mr. Harris). He must realize the importance of the tasks that have been assigned to him by the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. St. Laurent). He must educate those who are not real Canadians, who may be good citizens but who have not in their hearts a real pride in their country, and

who do not yet consider Canada first when matters of importance have to be decided.

I noted what the leader of the C.C.F. group (Mr. Coldwell) said about the mentality of Anthony Eden. He said it in a discreet manner but I was in agreement with him. When I think of the progress that the Conservative party has made with regard to a Canadian spirit since the present leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) has been at its head in the house I am surprised. I never expected that to happen, and I say that sincerely. For a time I thought the great division between the party would be on the one hand a Canadian party and on the other hand a party composed of imperialists, all those who have an inferiority complex, communists, everybody. Now I see there is progress, and I congratulate the leader of the opposition and the leader of the C.C.F. group. I see that there is some progress being made in the other corner also. Let us be Canadians; let us be proud of our race and of our great country and let us not be frightened by the false declarations that are made by some people who cannot support them.

Mr. Knowles: No progress on your side?

Mr. Pouliot: This is a good side; come over. As I said, this is a new era. It is a complete change, and hon. members know that very well. That is why I am prouder than ever of my party.

Mr. Johnston: You had better be careful or you will not stay there. You will be over here again.

Mr. Pouliot: No. I say there is progress, and no one is more blind than he who will not see.

Mr. Knowles: The hon. member ought to know.

Mr. Pouliot: The hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Johnston) is too clever, too bright, and has too much experience in politics to deny it. He would not deny evidence. I will not insist on it. I am just about finished. I rely on the spirit of justice, patriotism, dignity and pride of the new incumbent of the office of Minister of Citizenship and Immigration not to do something that he would regret all his life. I thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the house for having been so kind to me once more.

Mr. L. T. Stick (Trinity-Conception): Mr. Speaker, it may be a task for a new member of the house to address this gathering on the question of external affairs. Much has been said about the eastern situation during this debate. The complaint has been made that we do not receive sufficient information on foreign affairs so that we may intelligently debate the issue. At first sight we may be in