

Hon. Mr. O'Leary:—some charming lady sitting on my right will immediately regale me with the activities of the United Nations, and she is able to give the names of every member of the Security Council.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Good for her.

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: And yet that charming lady could not for the life of her name a single member of her own municipal council. That, honourable senators, is phony democracy. Democracy and love and passion for freedom begin at home, and, if we are not going to exercise all our talents in bringing them about in Canada, then trips to Europe by certain of our parliamentarians are not going to help very much.

I know I was upbraided by my leader the other day. He said to me, "Grattan, you are forgetting that you are a member of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group". I am, and I am glad I am. But, honourable senators, I hope that the business of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group will never be confused with those other parliamentary groups which we know. When we go to the Interparliamentary Union we are discussing political abstractions. We are discussing world relations in a general way. And that is true of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. But in the case of the United States and Canada, those meetings are for a specific purpose. They were not brought about as the others were brought about. These meetings are to deal with specific problems between Canada and the United States. That is all they are for.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): So were the Commonwealth meetings brought about for a specific purpose.

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: I am not going to take up that challenge now. I have not the time to discuss it today. However, I will come back to it another day. Moreover, I intend to come back to all those organizations.

The time has come for us to take a good look, not only at NATO but at all of them. In fact, I advocated two years ago taking a good look at NATO. I certainly do not agree entirely with my party's position with respect to NATO. I do not agree with what has been said about NATO by the Leader of the Government. I do not agree with all that is said about the UN. And, incidentally, Mr. George F. Kennan in his book takes issue with NATO, and says that the UN is little but an exercise in futility.

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I am sure that more and more, as we examine the work of that body, especially over the past four years when it showed its complete impotence to deal with affairs during crises of the world, we must agree with Kennan's analysis. After all, here is a man who has spent most of his life in Europe and is the only European diplomat abroad who can speak the languages of Europe. He has been in Prague, too, and, when the Leader of the Government was speaking of Czechoslovakia, I was hoping he had read what Mr. George F. Kennan had said about Czechoslovakia.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Will the honourable gentleman permit me a question?

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: Indeed.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Does he not think he is doing very great violence to the views of George F. Kennan when he says that Kennan is opposed to the United Nations and opposed to the Council of Europe?

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: Certainly not.

Hon. Mr. Martin: I have read those volumes, and I am sure that George F. Kennan—

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: He is certainly opposed to the UN.

Hon. Mr. Martin:—takes a completely different position from what you are saying.

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: He is certainly opposed to the United Nations, and, if you will read the introduction to Kennan's book written by Slesinger, you will see that Slesinger emphasizes Kennan's opposition to the United Nations.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Oh, no.

Hon. Mr. O'Leary: Be that as it may, I must say that I do object. I do fear that we are giving too much attention to Europe and to the world at the loss of attention to our own country. I am going to develop that at a later stage. I do not wish to take up your time today.

I was tremendously interested in what the Leader of the Government had to say, because he always says these things so knowledgeably and so well, but he certainly has not changed my opinion whatsoever about his visit, and my leader's visit, and His Honour the Speaker's visit, to the Council of Europe and Czechoslovakia in the past three weeks.