

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): It would be wrong, of course, to conclude that we do not have, and have not had, continuous contacts and discussions with Commonwealth and other countries. I have met with Mr. Paul Hasluck, the Secretary of State for External Affairs in Australia, on two occasions with regard to this and other matters. We have also had contacts, of course, with New Zealand. We have had discussions with the Thais, and with other countries including Korea as well, of course, as with the United States.

In the past few months we have had two independent discussions here in Ottawa with representatives of the government of South Vietnam who have come especially for that purpose.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I listened with the greatest of care to the Minister; his answers range much more widely than my questions.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That is what you would expect because of the inordinate strictures of the questions.

Mr. CHURCHILL: It is not what I expect; it is what I get, but it is not what I expect.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I think, you and I, as lawyers, have been taught that we should always bear in mind the purpose of a question when we make a particular reply.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I try, frequently, to know the answer too before I ask the question.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That is why I sometimes wonder why you put the question.

Mr. CHURCHILL: The answer is that you have made no direct contact with Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I have just said the opposite.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I think this is essential because these people are involved in the war.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I beg to differ, and I hope you will not persist in saying that because I have just said the opposite. We have had the greatest consultations on this point with the governments of Australia and New Zealand, and the other governments that I have mentioned; we understand their position.

Mr. CHURCHILL: What is their position, then?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I have had many discussions with Sir Kenneth Bailey, the Australian High Commissioner. He was here yesterday and followed this event with great interest, and only for the fact that he had another engagement he would have been here this morning, because he knew you were going to ask some questions, and that would draw anyone.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Could we get him to the Committee as a witness?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I am not a member of the Committee.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Well, there are some good points about the Committee. I would like to ask a final question, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): You are going to disappoint me if you only ask one more.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Well, my time is consumed by the Minister's lengthy answers.