

*Supply—National Defence*

government is prepared to spend \$1,750 million on defence against possible outward attacks by the enemies of the western world, yet there is very little attempt on the part of the government to defend our people against the insidious subversive internal attacks that are being made by these same enemies in their unceasing attempts to overthrow us from within.

I want to talk about that for a few minutes, because to my way of thinking it is a serious omission in our defence program. I would not be fair to the people I represent if I did not bring this matter well to the fore and expose the fact that we as a people—and I suppose all of us have to take some blame; we cannot lay it all on the doorstep of the government—are failing to progress in thought in keeping with the dangers that beset Her Majesty's loyal people everywhere. The government is antiquated in its thought if it continues to think only in terms of its arms program as the front line of defence. The front line, Mr. Chairman, has now been transferred into the western lands which are still fortunate enough to have escaped the fate of those who are languishing behind the iron curtains of the world.

Let me mention some of these failures on the part of this government and perhaps also on the part of this parliament, failures that I call serious omissions. The first of these is that we have failed to adequately educate the people of Canada as to the true enemy we face. Our people do not know; they are not adequately informed about who the enemy is and what he is doing and how to identify him. Too often government policy has made it appear as if we are the friend of the enemy, the friend of communist Russia and of the communists themselves. In such circumstances how can we hope to combat the aversion one finds on the part of our young people toward fighting against friends? That is what they say when we attempt to induce them to take up their duties in the armed forces. They say, "Why should we fight our friends? We are told these people are our friends and that we must make them our friends."

We are in a very difficult position, it seems to me, if we ever hope to convince our young people that strong action has to be taken against the enemy. We cannot at the same time tell them that this enemy is our friend. We have to tell our young people the truth and let them know that unless they are adequately prepared against the enemy their throats could easily be cut by these people who pose as friends and who are sometimes called our friends.

We have allowed red spies to freely come and go through our land. I was very glad

to note the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration showed some concern about this matter in a general way by taking action in the case of Paul Robeson and the millionaire communist Lamonte. I support him and commend him for that action. I would suggest to the government this is a most important part of our front line defence. Keep it up and we will support you.

There is no reason in the world why communist spies should be allowed to come and go freely and spread their insidious propaganda and help to organize subversive activities throughout our country. The funny part of it is that frequently our press takes up the statements these people make, plays them up and uses terms that are evidently designed to sink into the minds of people, to be remembered by them. Too often members of the government have made unwise statements which have helped the enemy's cause. Though I do so in no caustically critical way, I refer to a statement made by the Prime Minister when he was in the Orient on his long journey. The Canadian Press reported him as saying:

The government of Formosa—

That is the nationalist government.

—does not represent the great mass of the Chinese people. I believe that one day it will be necessary to be realistic and admit that the present government of communist China is the government desired by the people.

I emphasize those last three words; how unwise they were. Statements containing words like those cannot help to keep the western world united and strong and prepared to do the job that must be done. It may be that the Prime Minister did not make such a statement and I must say I am not sure about it. The Canadian Press, however, did report it in that manner.

I have spoken briefly about our failure to adequately educate the people of Canada to the dangers of internal communist infiltration. Last year it fell to my lot to point out the communist infiltration of thought into *Current Affairs*, the magazine circulated to the Canadian forces. I brought to the ministers' attention a number of flagrant statements designed for no other purpose than to propagandize the virtues of the enemy and to soften the determination of our young people to take strong action in defence of the western world. The minister paid attention, and I must commend him for so doing. For some months after that I saw some improvement, though I must say to the minister through his parliamentary assistant, who is now present, that though he promised to send me copies of the *Current Affairs* magazine as it came off the press in succeeding months