

Mr. MacNICOL: That is most unfair. No city in Canada is more generous than Toronto.

Mr. REID: I should like now to say something about the splendid work being done by the women of this country. On Thursday morning it was my privilege to attend the Capitol theatre to witness a picture put out by the motion picture bureau of the dominion government. After seeing that picture, one could not help but feel impressed and elated by the work being done by our women folk. The women from one end of Canada to the other are busily engaged in many endeavours and I think worthy note should be taken of what they are doing. They are showing a splendid example to the rest of the country.

I come now to the civilian defence units which have been set up in many parts. It is my opinion that when these units were first started they were not well received by the government. Speaking for at least part of British Columbia, I can say that the people there had two motives in mind when setting up these civilian defence units, particularly in the lower Fraser valley and other parts of the province. The first was a desire to do something about the possible unrest which was evident in certain quarters. It was said here that there was no danger, but those of us who live in British Columbia know what is going on. We have been greatly perturbed over the possibilities of what might happen in the future.

The Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) has stated repeatedly that there has been no sabotage in Canada. That has been true so far, but that does not mean that there will not be attempts at sabotage. I think we would do well to utilize these civilian defence units. My opinion is that they should not be left to operate simply as civilian units; they should be tied up in some way with our military operations. Perhaps they could be drafted into the militia units. We should take advantage of this willingness to protect the life and property of our country. I trust the government will take serious note of this and give official recognition to these units.

I do not intend to mention the many vulnerable points of British Columbia because they should not be made public on the floor of the house. But we are greatly perturbed. I trust the Minister of Justice and the government will give consideration to the representations which are being made by the attorney general of British Columbia. I urge upon the government also to have additional naval units placed on the Pacific coast. No one can tell at what moment there may be other nations arrayed against us. We have our groups of nationals in that province in great numbers,

and if other countries should turn against us, these with others might create a serious problem indeed.

I ask the government to do a little more for British Columbia. When members speak of the west they often think of it as stopping at the Rocky mountains. We have always to mention British Columbia as a separate province. But it should not be forgotten that we are the gateway to the Pacific. Frankly, those of us from British Columbia would like to see more protection given and much more done to prevent possible sabotage.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, as all well know, the situation is serious, but there is no reason for fear, let alone panic. If we gave way to that, we should only be playing into the hands of our ruthless enemy. Hitler's plans are, first, propaganda to create unrest and then fear, and then at a chosen moment to move in ruthlessly on the country he wishes to conquer. I advise hon. members who are interested to read Hermann Rashning's book, "Hitler Speaks," and then hon. members will realize that we must be prepared for any eventuality in Canada. Read of Hitler's plans and what he said in 1934 about what he would do to France, and you will see, Mr. Speaker, that his plans have been carried out exactly as predicted; and then read in this same book of Hitler's scheme with respect to the United States and Canada, and you will realize just why many of us are greatly perturbed over possible fifth column activities in this country. The present conflict springs from a pagan conception of some kind of new social order which is founded on might and cruelty, and which ignores the individual. Hitler has declared that he will obliterate religion from the face of the earth. Our civilization is founded upon the Christian conception of the brotherhood of man, the sacredness of human personality, and the sanctity of contractual relations. It is disgraceful to my mind that men in Canada have given utterance to the thought that they would prefer Hitler to this country.

Let us throw everything we have into the struggle now, and quickly, for we are fighting not only for democracy but for our very lives.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, my first word, too, will be one of congratulation to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Ralston) upon his presentation of the budget and the manner in which our national accounts were placed before the House of Commons. It was an exceedingly able piece of work.

I should also like to associate myself with very much of what the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Reid) has just said.