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that regime, and under the other communist regimes, with no knowledge of the outside world and no understanding of how we live, are easy victims of communist propaganda that their way of life is best and that the people of the free world, whom they have never seen and with whom they have never had any real contact, are in fact living in fear and poverty.

It would be well for us to examine the pattern of communist leadership and the pattern of what they are teaching their young people. It would be well for us to try to understand what it is that inspires to such fanatical efforts so many of those young people who have been brought up under communist rule. They do not praise their system because it gives them more material advantages. They praise it because they believe it is leading them to victory. They praise it because they believe it is leading to the Soviet domination of the whole world. In the last great annual parade of armed forces across Red square, when the tanks were roaring across that parade ground in Moscow, the radio commentators, describing to their own people the power and glory of Soviet arms, burst into these ecstatic words:

Spring has come. It has come here; it has come in China, in the new streets of Warsaw, in Prague, in the gardens of Bucharest, in the villages of Bulgaria. The banner of victory flies over us. The spring of humanity is with us. It is nearing the workers' suburbs of Paris; it is marching like a master upon the piazzas of Rome. In Calcutta, Karachi and Bombay, it sings of freedom. Our Stalin, whose hand guides the spring of humanity, is leading us to victory.

Those are stirring words to people who hear little else and have no chance to learn what our way of life means to us. This appeal to victory is the psychological appeal they are now employing with such effect, particularly in a country such as Russia, where during their entire lives the younger generation have known nothing else. Those who remember seeing demonstrations of nazi power in the years before the last war will remember the almost hypnotic effect when great masses of German people shouted together at the top of their voices, "Sieg Heil." "Hail Victory" they were shouting, in the firm belief that victory would soon be within their grasp. That was a very considerable part of the driving power that made the nazis so effective in the early days of the last world war, and that same psychological appeal is going out today to the youth of Russia and other communist countries. It goes out to those who have had withheld from them what freedom really means.

To meet this threat, not only of Soviet arms and manpower but also of Soviet propaganda, we must create in our own country and in

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the other free nations a still greater and more dynamic faith in a system which has everything to offer, both in this life and afterward. We too must create an abiding faith in victory, faith that the spirit of free peoples, joined in a great world partnership, can still preserve peace and those decent ideals which religion alone can give. The future of Canada and of every other country depends upon the character of its people. We must build that character in every way we can—in our homes, our churches and our schools; and we can do much here in parliament to advance this great cause.

In all earnestness I urge the government to give the people that faith and confidence which will come to them when they believe they are being given all the facts and are asked to share not only the responsibility but the knowledge the government has of the tasks before us. I urge the government to appeal to our people not merely to accept in a spirit of painful necessity the things they will be asked to do, but to accept what may be required of them as service in the greatest cause that has ever presented a challenge to free men and women in the long history of mankind. I urge the government in all earnestness to appeal to the highest motives of our people. Give them a clarion call to service. I am sure they will respond.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peel (Mr. Graydon):

That the following words be added to the address: "We regret that Your Excellency's advisers have failed

(1) to give this nation leadership in the face of the present grave danger; and

(2) to bring into being forces necessary to enable Canada to defend itself and discharge its international obligations; and

(3) to take effective measures to combat inflation and the rapidly rising cost of living."

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, first of all I wish to thank the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) and in fact all my colleagues in the house for the good wishes they have expressed to me on the occasion of this, my birthday; though, like many others, the number of birthdays now is almost something to cause a little misgiving.

I should like also to join the leader of the opposition in extending congratulations to the mover (Mr. McMillan) and seconder (Mr. Breton) of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. I think a special word of congratulation is due them because, as newly elected members, they have delivered their maiden speeches. To speak for the first time in this house is a pretty trying experience under any circumstances. When such an event takes place upon one's arrival, after