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aggressor post after post and, with those posts, prestige and morale? What is next on the communist timetable? Is it Burma, Malaya, all of Asia? Then, fortified and strengthened with the sources of great strategic materials and unlimited men, will they then go after Europe in an all-out fashion?

It must be remembered that the communist countries are getting stronger through their aggression. That means that the remaining free world, taking it as a whole, must be getting weaker. I am convinced that Russia and China will not chance a full-scale war as long as they are growing stronger and we are growing steadily weaker. Why should they do so? I think we have come to the point where we should either get out of the countries of southeastern Asia and let the communists have them or we should put in enough strength to prevent further advances, while at the same time providing for the peoples there satisfactory assurances that their desires with respect to independence and security will be satisfied to the very best of our ability to satisfy them. I do not think it will be necessary to have an all-out war. But I think that the people of the western world and our Asian commonwealth brethren must come to realize that there is a great and pressing cause for which they must be prepared to fight if necessary, and to make secure by whatever sacrifices are necessary.

I should like to close on this note, Mr. Chairman. I want to commend the minister for his speech this afternoon. Judging by that part of it which I heard, I thought it was a good speech. I want to commend the minister for his timely and able defence at Geneva of the United States. We do not always see eye to eye with our neighbours to the south. We have had our differences. However, we have common cause with the United States. We know that, although she sometimes makes mistakes—and we must realize that we also make them—her aims and objectives are righteous. We must do everything we can to achieve unity with her and with the other nations of the western world who prize peace, security and the freedom of the peoples of all the world.

When it comes time, Mr. Chairman, I have some questions which I believe should be answered. After having given other hon. members the opportunity to make whatever contribution they wish to this debate, I should then like to have the chance to ask the minister some questions about things that have happened at Geneva.

[Mr. Low.]

Mr. McIvor: I have a question to ask the minister which he may answer when he speaks. But before I ask the question I should like to say that I am proud of the minister and the way he has conducted himself, both socially and as a statesman, while away from home. As a statesman he has been a credit to Canada. I have tried to read everything I could get hold of about his actions, and everything I have read has indicated to me that he has been a first-rate representative of Canada. As the hon. member who has just sat down said, I was mighty proud that the minister was able to stand up for the United States. They may not always be right and they are not all saints but they are our neighbours. I am glad to see the minister stand up and support them when they are right.

The minister has a terrific responsibility and it is your duty and mine to help him in the best way we can. I appreciate the fact that speakers on the opposition side all appear to be fighting for the same thing. I think that is a fine thing. I was proud to hear the minister say that aggression cannot be allowed, and I think there was a little hint of the golden rule in his closing remarks. If you get too far away from that you get into difficulties. It is an oft-quoted phrase that when truth is on the scaffold and wrong upon the throne God behind the scenes keeps watch above his own. The truth upon the scaffold will win. I know how the minister thinks and his thoughts are expressed in his actions. When we have such a man representing us at the United Nations or anywhere else we can feel secure.

There is one man over yonder for whom I have great admiration, Syngman Rhee, and I want to ask a question. Hon. members may not agree with me but I think Syngman Rhee has been one of the outstanding men in the fight against communism. However, there are a lot of things I do not know about him and that is why I want to ask my question. I wonder whether the minister knows of any co-operation between him and Chiang Kai-shek and whether there is any possibility of attack on China from that quarter.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): Mr. Chairman, I would be very interested in hearing the minister's candid answer to that last question. If he answered it as candidly as perhaps he might I wonder whether the hon. member who has just taken his seat would still be imbued with as much pride in the minister as he had when he started. This might be one of those diplomatic times when perhaps an answer should not be given. I thought that the most important part of the minister's speech this afternoon was that in