

Motion for Adjournment of House

Commons. Its report was adopted by the House of Commons, and this became the policy of the government and the policy of the land. So far as integration is concerned, it has proceeded through its various stages from that time to this and it is now virtually complete; it is a *fait accompli*.

So far as urgency is concerned, there is nothing urgent about considering at this time the integration of the armed forces. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, the opportunity was made available to discuss this matter earlier in this session before the committee on defence. Witnesses were available from the various commands to give evidence with respect to the integration process and how effective were the commands; and full opportunity was given to members of parliament to raise questions and to learn about this policy.

So far as unification is concerned, if this is the object of the debate, it is not the custom in this house to refer matters to a committee before the legislation in respect thereto is introduced. The government stated in the Speech from the Throne its intention to introduce amendments to the National Defence Act. My hon. friend did not at that time take the opportunity afforded by that debate to state his views with respect to this very important matter, when a number of days were available for discussion on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. Again when the budget was under consideration full opportunity was afforded all members of parliament in a general debate of that nature to state their views with respect to this matter if they wished to do so.

Mr. Churchill: That is not right; it is a restricted debate.

Mr. Hellyer: Other ample opportunity has been given from time to time to express viewpoints with respect to the policy which is laid down in the white paper. So far as integration is concerned, it is well advanced. So far as unification is concerned, it cannot be accomplished until there is a further amendment to the National Defence Act.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): That is not what you said before.

Mr. Hellyer: That has been forecast and will be introduced in parliament later this session in the normal manner. It will be debated at that time, and full opportunity will be provided members on all sides of the house to stand up and state their views, and

then to stand up and be counted with respect to the proposals which will be laid before the house. This legislation will afford full opportunity, first of all for general debate and then for specific consideration of all of the various aspects in the standing committee once the legislation has been referred to that committee for consideration.

Mr. Churchill: When will that be; December?

Mr. Hellyer: In view of that fact, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully suggest to Your Honour that there is no urgency whatever with respect to having a general debate at the present time on this subject, but that the proper time will be when the legislation is presented to the house when it can be given full and adequate consideration.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I address myself to the question of urgency, but in doing so I cannot deny myself the luxury of referring to that cynical attitude displayed by the minister toward the hon. member who moved a perfectly responsible motion for adjournment. He referred somewhat sarcastically to the youth and inexperience of the hon. member. I would refer the minister, when he speaks of self advertisement, to that article which appeared in the rotogravure section of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, which set out in detail this new defence policy. It referred to the hon. gentleman and Mr. Lee as "those clean cut kids".

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Diefenbaker: There is urgency—

Mr. Pickersgill: That is sheer envy.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The hon. gentleman who has just spoken can speak with authority on that subject. He is soon to be elevated to another place where age does not count.

Mr. Pickersgill: That is also envy.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I refer to the question of urgency. The hon. gentleman spoke of the opportunities that were available. There was a white paper in 1964. I defy the hon. gentleman or any other hon. member to show in that white paper any anticipation of the kind of dabbling policy that has become so apparent during the past few weeks.

Sir, yesterday we endeavoured to get some information from the hon. gentleman with