

*National Defence*

kept more or less down to earth, and would have some touch with ordinary human beings who are providing the money, I would have another slogan with the words *My Economic Security is Provided by the Toil and Sweat of the Working People and the Farming People of Canada.*

That is all I shall say in this connection. I turn now to education in the army. I know that excellent training is provided to train the men to become efficient soldiers, sailors and airmen. That is all to the good, and I believe the minister's department has produced excellent results in that respect. I understand that two or three leaflets have been published and given to the troops going overseas which, from an educational point of view, were commendable. But I do not think that is sufficient. Here we have in Canada, and particularly in Europe, large numbers of young, healthy and intelligent Canadians who, in my opinion, are not being provided with the educational facilities that should be provided. I understand that in Germany or in Europe the recreational facilities are provided by a unit attached to the British commonwealth group.

It is not right to have these young men, men who are serving in Canada, in Germany, and possibly to a lesser extent in Korea in a relatively permanent army, in a position where they do not take advantage of the hours during which they could obtain education. I find, in talking to some of our young men, that they do not understand even the basic principles of democracy. They do not understand the parliamentary system and how it works, and I suggest this shows a deficiency in our present educational methods. Many of our young men do not understand the objectives for which we are fighting. They do not understand the structure of the United Nations, nor do they know that the Atlantic pact, under a certain section of the charter, is a component part of the United Nations. They do not understand the over-all objectives of Canada and the nations associated with her in the defence of democracy.

Many of these young men would respond readily I am sure to a greater opportunity to improve their general education. We must face the fact that this is not a temporary condition. We will have to have defence forces for some years. I do not think we should let time slip by, and permit these young men to grow older without providing them with better educational facilities and training.

I am not quite sure as to what is the best program, but I do suggest the government should consider approaching the Canadian Legion officials and asking them if, with the

assistance of the government, they could co-operate in providing educational services for our defence forces.

**Mr. Claxton:** That is already in existence.

**Mr. Herridge:** I am glad to hear that; but I have not yet found a soldier who is taking part in those facilities. When the minister speaks I would ask him to explain what is being done. I have met dozens of men, and I have not found one yet who has said that he is taking part in anything of an educational nature.

Before concluding I wish to read a short paragraph from a responsible magazine, from the capitalist point of view and, I believe, from the point of view of the government. I have here the *Monetary Times* of March, 1952, in which I find this statement:

*Dropping Rule Britannia?  
Winnie Gives 'em Heck*

When Prime Minister Winston Churchill was in Ottawa, he lectured the cabinet for banning "Rule, Britannia" from the Canadian Navy. In his role as an old sea dog, he told them this was a bad thing. Rather sheepishly the cabinet agreed to co-operate. So when any British navy personnel come aboard a Canadian ship, they will be piped aboard by "Rule, Britannia", or at least the tune will not be missing from the Canadian Navy's musical repertoire.

I would ask the minister to tell us, when he replies, if there is any truth in that statement and whether, as a result of a twiggung by the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, the Canadian cabinet, and in particular the Department of National Defence, has changed its regulations so that "Rule, Britannia" will be played on Canadian ships.

**Mr. Leon Balcer (Three Rivers):** Mr. Speaker, \$2,000 million is an awful lot of money. It is half this country's total budget, and represents great sacrifices by the whole of the Canadian nation. I am sure our population wants to see that an amount such as the one required today by the Department of National Defence will be spent with common sense and to the best possible advantage of our nation.

The taxation the people are called upon to pay for purposes of national defence requires from the minister and his department real planning, real organization and, first of all, the most severe economies. At the present time the Canadian people are taxed to the limit, and have a right to demand good administration by the Department of National Defence. In the last few years that department has given ample proof of poor administration, and it is the duty of the House of Commons to make sure that our population is not called upon to make tremendous sacrifices which are completely lost as a result of a lack of common sense in departmental administration.