

lumber to Great Britain has been practically closed because of the low price that Russia is quoting on lumber to the British people.

Honourable senators, I would like to make a brief comment regarding the splendid speech delivered on Thursday last by the honourable senator from Cochrane (Hon. Mr. Bradette). Those who were not here on that occasion would do well to read his speech. It has a lot of meat in it and is very timely indeed. I will admit that I did not catch the full significance of his remarks until I read them, following which I personally complimented him on them. This warning to Canadians regarding our relations with the United States was particularly timely. Too many people are falling into the communistic groove, shall I say, and are beginning to look somewhat with scorn at the United States and to say harsh things against the country that is our nearest and, I claim, our best neighbour.

To support what I just said about following the Soviet line, I wonder how many honourable senators have read a certain article about Sergei Alexandrovich Vinogradov, who recently left France after having served there as Soviet Ambassador for five years. The article reads in part as follows:

For "Vino", with the gold-toothed grin, is the man mainly responsible for French hostility to Washington. He's the man who started the story that American big business wanted France out of North Africa so that Uncle Sam could grab its oil.

No wonder Russia is gloating over the events which have just occurred in France and Algiers. I wouldn't be at all surprised if the same kind of propaganda was being sent out in every country to which a Russian ambassador is appointed. We should bear in mind too that we have a lot of fellow travellers of the Soviet in this land of ours. In his speech the honourable senator from Cochrane referred to the last war, and I think it should never be forgotten and should be repeatedly told to the people of this country, and to those who are friendly toward Russia, that had it not been for Great Britain, Russia as a nation might have been non-existent today. When France collapsed it was expected by the Germans that Britain would collapse too. Had that happened it would have enabled Hitler to concentrate his entire forces against Russia, and in my opinion he would have conquered the entire Soviet.

I don't know just how much attention the people of the world pay to propaganda, but I have long come to the conclusion that Russia is putting it all over other countries

in the matter of disseminating propaganda. Perhaps I have placed a wrong interpretation on the recent letter from Krushchev to Prime Minister Diefenbaker, but I believe I read in it something that will make Canadians a little more uneasy, though perhaps a little more respectful of Britain. In the correspondence Krushchev is endeavouring to persuade our Prime Minister to put a halt to aircraft carrying nuclear bombs across this country, pointing up the danger of such flights. Many people may express fear of this so-called danger of nuclear bombs and so turn hostile eyes toward the United States. No matter what the views are of each and every honourable senator, I say that we can thank God for the armed might of the United States, for in my opinion it has been the tremendous power of that country that has saved the Western world up to the present time.

Honourable senators, I will leave that subject now and turn to a more pleasant one: the British Columbia centennial. I was pleased to hear the honourable senator from Saint John-Albert (Hon. Mr. Emerson) refer to the B.C. centennial when he spoke in this chamber recently, and as a British Columbian I felt I could not let this opportunity go by without saying a word or two about it. I am particularly proud to do so. For those of you who have not read the history of British Columbia I would point out that my province was discovered almost entirely by men of Scottish birth, who also prevented it from becoming a part of the United States. I have here a whole list of Scotsmen, starting with Mackenzie who, as a young man of 23, returned to Scotland to study astronomy. This knowledge later served him well when he became the first man to cross the entire continent of North America, and the first of course to cross the northern part of it. Canada, as it was then known, ended at the western boundary of Ontario. When Mackenzie crossed the Rockies and finally came upon the Pacific Ocean he carved on a tree the words "Mackenzie from Canada, 1793". This long list of distinguished Scotsmen includes such names as Findlay, McDougall, McLeod, Governor Simpson, McLoughlin, Simon Fraser, McTavish, Stuart, Thompson, Ross, Finlayson. All those men were from the land where I was born.

Hon. Mr. Bruni: What about the Irish?

Hon. Mr. Reid: It is little wonder that when we hear people from a certain province in Canada saying we should remove the word "British" from the name "British Columbia"