

Mr. BRYCE: Well, sir, I think it is fair to say that so far as the emergency measures organization is concerned and what the government is doing through it, we have not yet put out much publicity of this kind. We are immediately concentrating on the things we can do about it. Now, this is a matter of public psychology, sir. My own tendency has been to describe things without too many adjectives and without getting people too emotionally worked up about it.

Mr. ARGUE: But have they got the facts?

Mr. BRYCE: I think the facts are available. I believe in small groups they have been told the facts, but I do not think there has been any effort yet to try to bring home emotionally to them the impact of the facts.

Mr. ARGUE: I would ask Mr. Bryce if he is aware of the civil defence pamphlet which was put out with the title "Seasons Greetings" and a message from the Prime Minister. It is more like an elaborate Christmas message than a booklet on some of the facts in respect of civil defence.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): What is the date of that?

Mr. ARGUE: Ottawa, November 17, 1959; very recent. I would ask if some thought is being given to putting out pamphlets which are not like this and are not couched in this kind of phraseology, which in my opinion is highly misleading. Surely the question of civil defence has not very much to do with seasons greetings from the Prime Minister.

The CHAIRMAN: The Minister of National Defence would like to comment on this.

Mr. PEARKES: I would just like to say that all members of parliament were invited to a demonstration which was held here at the armouries. It is a demonstration which has been shown elsewhere and which is shown at the civil defence staff college at Arnprior in which the effect of a bomb burst over Ottawa was shown. Pictures were shown of such buildings as the mounted police headquarters before and after where there was complete destruction. There was a radius drawn which was approximately the area in which there would be complete loss of life and complete destruction of all buildings. Then there were demonstrations given as to the type of destruction and the number and type of casualties which might be expected at distances of approximately five or seven miles away from the point of the burst.

Mr. ARGUE: That is the kind of thing I have in mind. I think an extensive use of this kind of facts and facilities should be made available to the public.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): Mr. Bryce, the emergency measures organization acts as a liaison between the federal agencies and the departments of the provincial governments. Is that correct? Another matter is, has the federal government an overall basic policy for the provincial governments to adhere to so that there will be unification in civil defence coordination between the federal government and each and every province in Canada?

Mr. BRYCE: That question gets to the heart of who makes policy in this field; who determines what is to be done in certain circumstances.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): The people who act as liaison officers for the four federal agencies must give you information so that you may formulate and draft proposals.

Mr. BRYCE: Yes sir.

Mr. McDONALD (*Hamilton South*): Has this been done by the provincial agencies?

Mr. BRYCE: Yes, but I wish to make it clear that there are certain fields in which it is recognized that the provincial authorities are the proper ones