

not help the situation. I would rather stress at the present time our common interests, what the workingman should do in his uniform of overalls, and the man in the army, in order to engender more enthusiasm and greater activity, so that we could put forward a much greater effort as our contribution to the world struggle that is going on at the present time. I venture to say, gentlemen, that whatever justification there may have been for any action taken before, actions which I do not agree with -- not because my own skin is at stake -- I could say at least we could have been given the opportunity to stand up in a court and give a chance for the courts of our land to decide the merits or demerits of the question. Only the men who were identified with the enemy, who worked with the enemy, or <sup>sought</sup> to enhance the enemy's work, are the men that should have been rightly interned and should be interned to-day. I venture to guess that there are very many of them still at large in our country. I could not imagine it otherwise because it seems to be the only country among the united nations that has had no -- at least, to my knowledge, -- arrests of people that have been carrying on fifth column subversive activity of a spying nature, as it happened in the United States or in any other countries. But whatever justification there may have been for taking certain measures since Canada was at war -- and we did oppose the war, rightly or wrongly; it was our estimation ---

By Mr. MARTIN:

Q. Do I understand you to say you admit wrongly? A. Well, I think partially wrongly, yes.

Q. Well, you cannot be partially wrong. A. Well, I say that we did not completely estimate the situation as it