

my opinion. That is again making a starting point, my position is determined by what happened to Russia or against Russia or for Russia. That is the assumption, and that is not and never has been our starting point. I do not deny having admiration for Russia; I do not deny having studied its methods, having visited Russia too, yes. I do not deny that, but that is other than placing it as the outstanding factor in the attitude taken on the major questions involved.

BY MR. BENCE:

Q. This action has a general bearing on your judgment. You will go that far, will you not? A. Yes. I would say our action is influenced greatly by action taken by the main in the world major powers of which Russia is one. But if that is part of your calculation when you are establishing policy you must take the major factors in the world into consideration.

BY MR. SLAGHT:

Q. May I put this to you, Mr. Freed? Leave Russia out of it for the moment. Let us divorce Russia from our minds for a moment. A. Yes.

Q. In this war down to June 22, 1941, the Communist party had the principle and were working under it of preventing or thwarting, as Mr. Martin put it, Canada's war effort. Now, if you had succeeded in greater numbers and persuaded 90 per cent of the people of Canada to join with you I suggest to you you would have prevented all recruiting in Canada, prevented the manufacturing and despatching to Britain of munitions, you would have prevented the manning of corvettes and sending three-quarters of the foodstuffs to feed Britain during that period, which would have perhaps resulted in the cutting off of her lifeline to enable her to live. You knew she would starve in two months if she did not get Canada's food. You people were prepared to do all that. That being so do you think it