

that declared war and imposed conscription without authority to do so, by a nation which, without a flag of its own, is struggling against the worst economic chaos, by reason of the fault of those very people who are asking us to allow them to go to San Francisco in order that they may approve the principle of Canadian intervention in any part of the war-torn world. No, we are already so poor that we should remain at home from now on, so that we might prepare for the return of our sons and daughters whom we may soon expect. Everything commands the Prime Minister to ask His Excellency the Governor General to dissolve parliament at once. The people of Canada have lost confidence in him long ago. I need no other proof of this but the repeated defeats of his candidates during the last two years and the recent defeat of the Minister of National Defence, Mr. McNaughton. It was a disaster and the interested parties are not ignorant of the causes of this defeat.

Contempt for the truth, engagements broken and national disunion, those are the results of the unspeakable attitude of a government elected five years ago on a definite programme. Because he has given in step by step, since the mobilization act, to the Imperialists and disowned the true Canadians, the Prime Minister will have lost everything by sacrificing the friends of Canada to those who are not true Canadians. We should profit by the experience of the past. Our membership in the last league of nations has brought on us only travelling and living expenses for a useless personnel in Geneva. The voice of Canada was not heard at the conferences of Casablanca and Crimea, nor at the other conferences. The San Francisco conference will of necessity refer to the previous discussions where we were not represented. Why should Canada be represented at that meeting where the discussions will be on questions dealt with in previous conferences where Canada was ignored? To prepare a charter, as it is said in the speech from the throne? We know what those charters are worth. For two years I listened to the most eulogious speeches in praise of the Atlantic Charter, and then we were told by the President of the United States himself that it had never existed. How all that looks like the fallacious bait of the great principles that precipitated Canada into this war. The noble and lofty aim of the Allies was then to defend Poland against the German hordes and the Russian legions. And, by some cruel reversal of events, Poland is sacrificed, divided and dismembered with the complaisance of the same people who had declared war to safeguard her integrity and her

rights. It is all very well to set up an international organization to maintain world peace and security, but only through having regard to the rights of all martyred peoples to life, justice and liberty can such an organization build something lasting.

Social injustice has been one of the ultimate causes of armed conflicts. Ever since the mobilization act was passed, economic dictatorship has been supreme in Canadian developments and politics. We are ruled by commissions which have substituted themselves to genuine government. The financial magnates, many of whom control the whole national economy, are forcing their selfish views and their will upon the Canadian people. Small businesses have a growing tendency to be overwhelmed by the weight of monopolies. Unbridled capitalism is what is to be most dreaded. Under cover of economic liberalism and democracy, the reign of dictatorship has been established in Canada. The unlimited powers bestowed on the government and its commissions by the mobilization act have become a source of untold abuses. As long as social injustice and hatred prevail in the world, international peace and security cannot exist. All those who have some understanding of humanity and of civilization are sincerely seeking peace in the universe.

The concluding paragraph of the preamble of the resolution before the house reads as follows:

Whereas the government of Canada has accepted the invitation to send representatives to this conference.

And the first paragraph of the resolution reads thus:

That this house endorses the acceptance by the government of Canada of the invitation to send representatives to the conference.

That is a strange way to proceed. In their customary manner, the government accept the invitations take the engagements then ask parliament to approve everything.

Parliament was not consulted prior to the acceptance of this invitation by the government. The Prime Minister could have called the members together a few days earlier for the purpose of submitting this invitation to them. But no, the government, following their habitual course, decided to accept the invitation of their own accord. They now ask the house to approve the engagement they have taken without consulting the members. Too long has parliament been ignored. Each member represents in this house thousands of electors. We do not wish merely to be the laughing-stock of the invidious bureaucracy