

the Common Market if she can make satisfactory arrangements. I find no fault at all with our Prime Minister's attitude at the Prime Ministers' Conference. He was there to put forward the Canadian position, and I think he did it very well. The arguments of the Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia and New Zealand were carefully listened to, and noted. I feel sure that at Brussels both Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Heath will try to get the best terms they can for the Commonwealth countries and that they will do their best to protect Commonwealth interests. However, I do not think we should complain too loudly if we have to make some sacrifices in order to enable Britain to get in on the ground floor. It is interesting to read what Mr. R. A. Butler, the British Secretary of State, had to say at the Conservative convention. These are his words, as reported in the *Toronto Star* on October 13:

If we are to do our duty by the Commonwealth, if we are to pay our defence bills, if we are to export more capital to the Commonwealth, if we are to help underdeveloped countries, if we are to balance our overseas payments and finally, if we are to raise our standard of living, we must have a wider home market for our modern and complex exports. That is the absolutely vital economic reason for going forward with this.

Then, on October 12, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* published an editorial headed: "Mandate for Mr. Macmillan", in which this paragraph appeared:

The Commonwealth Governments, should, therefore, abandon negative criticisms of British policies which achieve nothing and place an unnecessary strain on Commonwealth relations. Instead they should work constructively to assist Britain to obtain the best terms available at Brussels.

Since the passage of the Statute of Westminster all members of the Commonwealth are autonomous nations and we, like the other countries, prefer to make our own decisions on matters affecting Canada. I think, therefore, we should be willing to let Britain do the same. Let us hope that Britain's decision will be the right one, and one that will prove valuable to us all.

Honourable senators, I thank you very much for your patient hearing.

On motion of Hon. Mrs. Quart, debate adjourned.

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## DIVORCE

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce, Nos. 349 to 378, which were presented Thursday, November 1.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the committee, reports adopted.

## SONS OF FREEDOM DOUKHOBORS IN CANADA

### MOTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE— DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Wednesday, October 31, the debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Croll:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to inquire into and report upon the continuing problems presented by the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors in Canada and any problems related thereto;

That this said committee be composed of twenty honourable senators to be named later;

That the committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records; and

That the committee be instructed to report to the house from time to time its findings, together with such recommendations as it may see fit to make.

**Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck:** Honourable senators, on a substantive motion such as this, a speaker is not allowed as much latitude as he is on the subject which has just been under discussion by the honourable senator from Kingston (Hon. Mr. Davies).

Perhaps His Honour and my fellow members will permit me to join with the honourable senator from Kingston in the welcome which he extended to the new senators, and to say how glad we are to see new members of the Senate. May I express the hope that they enjoy their stay—and may it be long—in this chamber, taking part in the activities in which we all engage, and that they find as great satisfaction in being a member of this body as I have during the past seventeen years.

Honourable senators, I now address myself to the motion by the honourable senator from Toronto-Spadina (Hon. Mr. Croll). At this point perhaps I may be allowed to reminisce a little. Many years ago I had a very well known Jewish friend by the name of Joseph Fels. Honourable senators will probably remember him as the producer of Fels Naphtha. Mr. Fels was a very fine fellow, a wonderful chap, a great philanthropist and, above all, a great humanitarian. Many years ago