

*Northern Ontario Pipe Line Corporation*

in order to deliberately do away with an enterprise that could be to the general advantage of Canada.

In so far as this matter of completely sabotaging the pipe line is concerned, as was proposed by the leader of the C.C.F., I say that he definitely was opposed to any plan which would make it possible to bring the parties together as suggested by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. I suppose this was understandable because the C.C.F. are such strong adherents to the socialistic principle of nationalization of everything they can get their hands on.

The hon. member for Winnipeg North who just spoke attributed, in typical C.C.F. style, certain statements to Premier Manning. They were to the effect that Premier Manning would not make gas available to the people of this country if the pipe line were nationalized. I know of no instance in which the premier indicated such an attitude. When I interjected and asked the hon. member to let us have the reference he failed, quite deliberately again to tell us exactly what the reference was, but in typical C.C.F. fashion he did make statements and reiterated them time and again in regular Hitlerian fashion, hoping the people of this country would believe him and the C.C.F. It is the typical smear method.

Now, Mr. Chairman, in reference to the alliance between the Social Credit group in Quebec or the union of electors, with whom we do not associate ourselves, and the Liberals, there is a great deal of difference between two political parties aligning themselves for election purposes and a political party or group supporting a bill in which they have full confidence and which they feel the people of the country actually want.

I have frequently heard the phrase used in this house that an argument has degenerated into a debate. I believe I am right in saying that this particular debate has gone from the sublime to the ridiculous. The Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Finance, the Prime Minister and other cabinet ministers as well have indicated that there is urgency in passing this legislation if the proposal is to become a reality. These realists in the opposition who oppose the bill have indicated they do not believe there is any urgency. They can see no value to it.

On the other hand, provincially speaking, the premier of Ontario, the premier of Manitoba and the premier of Alberta have indicated that they feel there is urgency in having this legislation passed. They feel that natural gas would be a great asset to every province through which that line would be built. Until today apparently the premier

of Saskatchewan has been silent. I noticed with particular interest that one of the most vocal C.C.F. members, who from time to time has suggested to the members that this thing was going to be filibustered to the greatest extent possible and that we had seen nothing in so far as the defence production bill was concerned, has failed to say anything in this debate. I am referring to the hon. member for Assiniboia. I am wondering now whether the fact that he happens to represent the same area federally that the premier of Saskatchewan represents provincially is an ominous factor in that respect. Possibly the premier has suggested that they want the pipe line but you boys go ahead and fight it on a public ownership basis; the big majority which the Liberals have will put it through anyhow.

The hon. members for Spadina and Peel indicated in their speeches that they know nothing about natural gas. Some of the things they said certainly indicated they have never used it, have never seen how it was run in production and have very little knowledge of what it can do. While I can appreciate that some of the questions were being asked by reason of the fact this is a new substance so far as they are concerned, I could not help but feel that they were talking through a gas line most of the time. They were groping in the dark so far as that matter was concerned.

A suggestion has been made from time to time that this should be a Canadian investment. The Conservatives particularly, and the C.C.F., have said that Canada should build this line. They have said, "We want it for Canadians and Canadians alone." No party in this house is more desirous of seeing every Canadian have the privilege of using natural gas than the group in this corner, for many of us have experienced in our time the joys of having natural gas in our area. I am looking forward to the day when the Westcoast Transmission line will be built through my own district so that I too will enjoy that privilege once again.

I am going to refer to the speech of the hon. member for Spadina of yesterday, which is to be found at pages 4448 and 4449 of *Hansard*. He had this to say with respect to investments:

I have been in the mortgage business for a long time, and I can tell you that the deal before us right now is one with respect to which I can easily understand why these people do not want to put their money in it. No one knows anything at all, and yet the government want us, the people of Canada, to put money into a thing like this. I would not touch it with a 10 foot pole.

Now, Mr. Chairman, here we have an honourable Canadian who says he would not