

to reveal the lack of harmony prevailing in the British Empire and the discrepancies between the British and American points of view on the war in Korea. A Commonwealth Conference of Finance Ministers held in January of this year was used by the *Slowo Powszechna*, a government-sponsored newspaper purporting to represent Catholic opinion, to give prominence to American proposals for mitigating the critical situation in which Great Britain found herself. Canada played an important part in these proposals. One, said to have been concocted by Senator Ellender, recommended that Canada absorb at least ten million Englishmen. Another was Congressional Representative Timothy Sheehan's suggestion of a commission to examine the problem of "selling Canada to the United States". The *Slowo Powszechna* said that Representative Sheehan had spoken "quite seriously" and cited as confirmation his draft resolution which had proposed that all existing loans to Great Britain be considered a substantial first payment.

The Polish press, following the usual line of the Communist-controlled press in the Soviet Union and in other countries, is always careful to make a distinction between the Canadian Government and the Canadian people. It is the Canadian Government which acts as the tool of Washington. In this capacity it is crushing civil rights and fostering a huge rearmament programme which keeps the working class in conditions of impoverishment. It is the Canadian Government also which has demonstrated its unfriendly attitude to the Polish people by refusing to hand over the Polish Art Treasures taken to Canada during the last war for safekeeping. Although these treasures were brought to Canada privately and private arrangements were made for depositing them in safe places, the Polish Government has refused recourse to the Canadian courts to obtain their release. To give some colour to the story, therefore, Polish newspapers have informed their readers that the treasures were in fact handed over to the Canadian Government during the war for safekeeping. Recently the *Zycie Warszawy* contrasted the Canadian attitude on this matter with that of the Soviet Union which had just returned to Poland some precious Copernican manuscripts. The *Zycie Warszawy* did not advance any reasons as to why the Soviet Government had not returned these relics at an earlier date.

As part of its policy of distinguishing between the two the Polish press usually represents the Canadian people as the unwilling and frequently protesting victims of the policies of their own government. As supporting evidence it is able to quote from statements made by leading members of the Labour Progressive Party or the Communist-sponsored Peace movement. Polish newspaper readers are assured that the Canadian people are putting an increasingly strong fight for peace. Mr. Leslie Morris of the *Canadian Tribune* was recently quoted in this connection in the *Wola Ludu*, a newspaper for peasant readers. "At present," he said, "the conditions exist in Canada for founding a nationwide coalition of resistance against the American imperialists and their agents in Canada." A few months prior to this *Wola Ludu* had been able to point to the development of the Peace Movement by quoting from a speech delivered to the Canadian Conference of Peace Defenders by Dr. James Endicott. Dr. Endicott had said that the growing strength of the movement was proved by the fact that over 3000 delegates were attending the conference whereas the number at the previous year's conference had been 1,700.

The meagre amount of space given to Canada in the Polish press is probably much less than that warranted by the interest which Poles normally take in Canadian affairs, for a great number of people have friends and relatives in Canada. The picture of Canada as a satellite of Washington follows the orthodox Moscow line. The darker shadings are presumably intended to console the Polish people with the thought that their fate could be much worse.