

*The Budget—Mr. Blackmore*

**Mr. Argue:** I am replying to a question, now. If there is not sufficient from that source the government might use the policy it used in the early years of the war and put our unemployed resources to work, namely by an expansion of the money supply. That is not going to hurt anybody of whom I am aware. I am willing to make a little wager with the Minister of Finance that the result of his budget this year will be a deficit, unless of course he does a lot of manipulation with the budget figures.

**Mr. Abbott:** You had better cover up there.

**Mr. Argue:** Then I shall suggest another place from which the money might come, and once again you would not have to dig into the pockets of the little taxpayer. I suggest the time has now arrived when the government should consider a substantial scaling down in its estimates for the Department of National Defence. I feel that one hydrogen bomb probably has as much offensive power in it as a billion dollars in the Department of National Defence. I do not know, because I am not a military expert. I believe, however, that Canada should take \$500 million of the amount in its defence department now and spend that money on raising the living standards of the people in Asia, South America and Africa. We would then be making our greatest contribution towards peace.

**Mr. J. H. Blackmore (Leithbridge):** It is my purpose today, Mr. Speaker, to discuss the need for a Canadian royal commission on communism. Some hon. members will have noted that on February 11, 1954, there appeared upon the order paper a resolution in my name calling for the immediate appointment of such a royal commission. This resolution came upon the order paper so late in the year it has been impossible for me, under the rules, to discuss it until the coming of the budget debate. In order to clear the way for me to debate the resolution I asked on April 9 that it be withdrawn from the order paper. This was done.

As the resolution stood as No. 18 upon the order paper of April 9, it read as follows:

**Mr. Blackmore—The following proposed resolution:—**That, in the opinion of this house, the government should give consideration to the immediate appointment of a royal commission to study and report upon the whole matter of communism as it affects Canada, to determine and make known:

1. What is the basic origin of communism?
2. What are the techniques communism has employed?
3. What is the degree of success communism has attained in Canada?
4. What are the possible means available to Canada of combating communism in Canada?

As I suggested that resolution on February 10, clause 1 read as follows:

Whether, and to what extent, communism is basically an imperialist conspiracy of eastern European reds of an ethnic grouping possessed of Mongol and Turkic affinities—a Mongolian-Turkic-Red conspiracy that has, from its beginning, aimed aggressively at actual physical invasion, conquest and enslavement of America; a conspiracy that has employed and still employs the various brands of socialistic and communistic ideology merely as a sort of sheep's-clothing disguise to conceal the real facts beneath communism.

The appropriate parliamentary officials, in the interests of our rules, advised me to modify my clause 1 to render it more nearly in order, and the result was the form clause 1 has taken on the order paper. This clause 1, as originally suggested in my resolution, constituted one of my main reasons for placing my resolution on the order paper. I am firmly of the belief that if the Canadian people had any idea just who originated communism, and where it came from and how it was the first agents were able to go to Russia and begin the job in Petrograd, they would make short work of all communists and communist sympathizers in Canada.

One of the two main matters I desire to consider today is the suggestion that communism is basically an imperialist conspiracy of Turko-Mongolian-Red plotters seeking to rule the world. The evidence at my disposal leads me to believe that it is just that, and all of that. If I have time today I shall go into the matter in some detail. The other of the two matters I wish to consider today has to do with clause 2 of my resolution, namely the techniques communism has employed. The illustration of communist techniques to which I aim to call attention is that of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and how communism has endeavoured to destroy that great leader, not only at home but abroad. Communism is endeavouring right now to do that in Canada.

I propose to ask three questions concerning Chiang Kai-shek which are briefly as follows: First, did Chiang Kai-shek throughout world war II hold two million Japanese soldiers against the eastern China coast? Second, did he during the same period successfully hold the Chinese communists in check? Third, was Chiang Kai-shek driven from the Chinese mainland through communist spy activities within the American administration? The answer to each of those three questions is an emphatic yes. It can be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, and has already been proven by the great committees investigating in the United States.

The communist organizations of America have dinned into Canadian ears the propaganda that Chiang Kai-shek was corrupt,