

is on the matter of the moratorium, and that the position of the Canadian government at the moment is against the admission of China into the United Nations?

Mr. GREEN: I have told you the position several times, Mr. Martin. The position is that we are considering this whole problem and are not yet in a position to announce our decision.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That is clearcut. I just wanted to make sure. You cannot say that I have not done my best.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we pass to some other subject?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I do not know that we have disposed of this.

Mr. GREEN: We have just disposed of you.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Disposition of me will not settle the problem.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I suppose it is fair to use the words addressed to the member for Essex East—"the government is considering this question in the light of all the circumstances".

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): In accordance with the government's traditional attitude, the government will receive, and also the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the strongest support, because of the attitude taken by the Liberal party. I always accuse myself of being the government's strongest supporter on foreign policy, and I can only conclude that he is thinking of something or that something has already been offered.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): It sounds like envy to me.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): It is partly envy.

Could I ask the minister another question on another subject? On the question of the organization of American states, the membership of Canada with regard to that organization, the minister has told someone earlier in our proceedings—I forget who it is—that he was personally of the view that we should give sympathetic consideration to participation in the organization of American states.

Mr. GREEN: I did not say that at all. I said that I was still of the view that the Canadian people should be given some time to consider what the best policy for our country would be.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That being the case, does the minister revoke the position he took last year when he said he thought we should take a step forward to join the O.A.S.?

Mr. GREEN: I do not think you can find that statement.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Perhaps you will look it up? While I am looking it up, the minister said in 1943, speaking as a private member of the house—and I do not quarrel with the position he took then nor with what I think was the position he took last year—I have it here. I am more efficient than I realized—first of all, in 1943 the members of the Department of External Affairs did advocate joining the Pan-American union, and I mentioned that in my statement the other day in the house. Last summer the Secretary of State for External Affairs for Canada, speaking in the house on July 15, as reported on page 6375 of *Hansard* said:

—it might be that the time has now come for Canada to join this western hemisphere organization.

Mr. GREEN: What were the first three words?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I think it would be a step forward. Is that the position of the minister now? I am sincere when I say that—I am not trying to embarrass you. I am trying to understand what the real position now is. A minister can have private views and he might find it difficult to circumvent