

Firing of A.B.M. Warheads over Canada

fall with the United States. When your life is being protected it seems not only extremely petty but actually idiotic to quibble about the manner in which your saviour is doing it.

Not very long ago we heard the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas) move a motion to adjourn the regular business of the house to consider a matter requiring urgent public consideration. In part he said:

—given this fact plus the broader world danger implication, that the construction of this A.B.M. system may further escalate the nuclear arms race—

This statement made me wonder why he or some other member in his party did not move a similar motion in the early 1960's when the U.S.S.R. announced the construction of its defensive missile system. I think the hon. member was here at that time.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, since I have been asked a question—

Mr. McIntosh: I will let you answer later on, since I have two or three questions to ask.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek has the floor.

Mr. McIntosh: I should like to answer that question now, Mr. Speaker, but I have several other questions I should like to ask first.

Mr. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member should either not ask questions or, if he does, he should let an hon. member answer. He asked me why I did not refer to this matter in 1960. My answer is that I was not in the house in 1960.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. If there is time later, the hon. member will have an opportunity to answer.

Mr. McIntosh: I fail to understand the point of order. I think the hon. member completely ignored the fact that he will have an opportunity later on to answer this question plus the others I wish to ask. In any event, there was no cry from the hon. member at that time about the further escalation of the nuclear arms race, and there was no cry from any other member of his party. There was no protest from that party about the escalation of nuclear power by Russia and other socialist

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countries when it was announced that the U.S.S.R. had 67 of these Galosh sites deployed near and around Moscow. I did not hear any member of the N.D.P. protest this action at that time.

An hon. Member: They are from Russia, that's why.

Mr. McIntosh: I understand that the system in Russia is called the "Galosh system". Perhaps hon. members on the other side do not have their facts straight. Let me refer to another statement the hon. member made in support of this motion.

It is quite clear that the United States in deciding to construct this new A.B.M. system did not seek or obtain the Canadian government's permission for such thermonuclear missile flights over Canada, which means that interception would take over Canadian territory causing extensive nuclear fallout.

Such a statement means that the hon. member is aware of at least two facts about this matter. First, he is aware that the American Spartan and Sprint missiles are purely defensive weapons. Secondly, he knows that there would have to be something to intercept before they would ever be fired. I should like a member of the N.D.P. to tell this house what these missiles are going to intercept. Perhaps they are going to intercept friendly missiles directed to the N.D.P. I should also like to ask the hon. member, when he insists we demand the United States get Canada's permission to establish their defensive system, whether it is not logical that we demand also that the U.S.S.R. and China get our permission to fire offensive missiles across our territory before they launch a nuclear attack against the United States.

Let me suggest that we should be realistic. As I said at the start and as everyone knows, such an undertaking would never be entertained. This is something that the N.D.P. fails to realize. History reveals that neutrality is respected by an aggressor nation only as long as it suits the aggressor's purposes.

Having regard to the first fact emphasized by the hon. member's motion that the Spartan and the Sprint—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired.

Some hon. Members: Carry on.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Does the house agree that the hon. member should continue?