

*National Security Measures*

announced intentions have been to spread communism throughout the world. Their actions since the second world war have demonstrated their determination to do this, and they have the military capability for doing it as far as eastern Europe is concerned. The hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise) outlined some of the aggressive activities of the Soviet Union since the end of the second world war. The moves in Hungary and Czechoslovakia and the general tight control exercised over all the countries of eastern Europe are some of the examples he mentioned.

● (2:40 p.m.)

In addition, there is the failure of the Soviet Union to grant any measure of independence to the countries of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and the Ukraine. In recent years, there has been a supply of weapons, military and expert personnel in large measure to Egypt and the Arab countries. There has been expanding naval strength in the Mediterranean, the Arabian Sea and into the Indian Ocean. These are not activities which indicate peaceful intentions or the desire, as is frequently expressed, for detente and a movement toward more peaceful relations in the world. These are indications that the Soviet Union is still determined to expand its power and influence.

These are the facts which we must bear in mind. We must not lull ourselves into a state of euphoria over such things as the announcement of the president of the United States yesterday that the Soviet Union and the United States are going to discuss limiting the construction of ABM systems. I think nearly everybody applauds that intention and hopes it will be successful. However, we must bear in mind that disarmament talks have been going on for the past 15 to 20 years, and the actual results have been rather limited. In fact, the only real result which I can think of is discontinuing above ground nuclear testing. In spite of the disarmament talks that have been taking place over this long period of time, the nuclear strength of the two opposing sides has continued to increase. There has been no decrease in the conventional forces of the Warsaw pact countries of which I am aware.

In view of these facts, I find it very disturbing to read the following headlines in today's *Globe and Mail*:

PM feels protocol with Russia will aid Canada's independence.

The headline in today's *Gazette* reads:

'Because of overpowering presence of the U.S.'

PM vows solid Soviet links

Must diversify relations to save Canadian culture

The article reads:

Prime Minister Trudeau yesterday made clear the full extent to which he plans to change the direction of Canadian foreign policy and said Canada has much to learn from the Soviet Union.

He placed the new entente between Canada and the U.S.S.R. in the context of Canada's quest for independence from the United States.—

When you read these things, you begin to wonder who the Prime Minister thinks our friends are and who are

our enemies. If things continue this way, we will have to get a new program to find out where we stand or what is the situation. Who thinks that closer contact with the Soviet Union is going to save and improve Canadian culture? That country is extending its armed might into the Middle East at the present time. It is keeping the Middle East conflict alive and holding down the population of eastern Europe. Is that the kind of culture we want to absorb into this country? It is ridiculous to see headlines along the lines of "Canada has much to learn". What do we have to learn from Russia in relation to the things I have just mentioned? As a matter of fact, I think the Russians have a great deal to learn from us from the point of view of man's humanity to man, civil rights and things like that. We have very little to learn from them, particularly from those points of view.

Believing that the greatest threat to Canada comes from the United States and that we can counteract that with closer links with Russia is completely contrary to the facts of life. The United States' nuclear strategic deterrent is our greatest protection against Russian aggressiveness and will undoubtedly continue to be so. It is certainly in our interest to maintain the best of relations with the United States and not make statements which tend to make the people of the United States think that we believe they are our enemies. Surely, we must know that they are not our enemies. They are our closest neighbour and greatest friend. We are not only dependent on them to a large extent for our defence, but, to a large extent, economically.

It may be that many people think that there has been such an influence on Canadian thinking and culture generally by United States publications, television, radio and so forth and because there has been a considerable amount of investment of American funds in Canada. However, that investment of American funds in Canada is, to quite an extent, the reason we have the standard of living which we have at the present time, as well as the amount of development which has actually taken place in Canada. To confuse the issue by giving the general impression abroad that the greatest threat to Canada is from the United States is the opposite of the truth. In my opinion, it is the height of nonsense. So much for those particular matters.

There is one other matter I should like to mention. Yesterday, questions were asked in the House as to whether the statements by the Prime Minister and the protocol mean a further withdrawal from NATO by Canada. The Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Sharp) said it did not. I certainly hope that proves to be the case. Headlines along these lines only give rise to serious fears that that will be the situation and, I am sure, have disturbed all of our allies in NATO.

I might point out, to speak more directly to the terms of the motion, that our unilateral reduction in our forces in NATO has already had quite a serious effect along these lines. Some of our allies in NATO wonder how sincere we are and to what extent we are going to play a meaningful part in that alliance. Although the actual number of men in the Canadian forces was cut to about