

chamber to be present during the fall sittings of the General Assembly. The representative from this side of the house is the honourable senator from Colchester-Hants (Hon. Mr. Blois) and he is still attending the sittings. He is chairman of one of the most important committees, and I am told by the honourable Leader of the Opposition and by others that our colleague is doing a good job. The honourable senator from Waterloo (Hon. Mr. Euler) was an observer for some weeks, and upon his return the honourable Leader of the Opposition took his place. The honourable senator from Shelburne (Hon. Mr. Robertson) is carrying on at the present time. I certainly appreciate the fine work these honourable senators have done and I feel sure that they have represented the Senate of Canada in a most capable manner.

The honourable Leader of the Opposition told us yesterday of some of the things he had seen and learned while in New York. I found his comments quite interesting. We all regret that so many differences keep coming up between the countries of the world, but we hope and pray that nothing will happen to bring about the demise of the United Nations, as was the case with the League of Nations following World War I.

I am not going to say anything further about this matter but I wish to speak briefly about my honourable friend's severe criticism of the Speech from the Throne. Had I not read the speech carefully and known something about it, had I not listened to radio reports, watched television panelists and read newspaper accounts dealing with it, I would have thought the speech was a nonentity. The only conclusion I can come to is that the honourable Leader of the Opposition has not done any of these things, otherwise he could not have said the things he did.

When I went home last night I picked up this Liberal newspaper called the *Ottawa Citizen*. It does not support the Conservative party to any degree, but I see that it is very much in favour of what is outlined in the speech. It reports that millions of dollars are to be provided for a job program including slum clearance, the raising of maximum loans on housing, assistance for sewage disposal, and so on. The article predicts that most cities will benefit from this job program, and concludes by saying that it is a "sound step".

Honourable senators, in all the newspaper accounts of the Speech from the Throne that I could find, I can say that almost without exception there were no derogatory remarks about it, such as we heard from the honourable Leader of the Opposition yesterday. That

is all I am going to say about the matter. I have a deep respect for my honourable friend. I like him very much, but I was disappointed to hear him speak in the manner he did yesterday about one of the most important and far-reaching Throne Speeches ever delivered in the Parliament of Canada.

Honourable senators, at this time I would like to say something about the Canadian Bill of Rights which was adopted at the last session. When I returned to the west after prorogation I found that the response to this legislation in the Prairie provinces was rather remarkable. Most people were enthusiastic in their praise of it. Perhaps the reason for this stems from the fact that the Prairie provinces were largely settled by immigrants from practically every part of the world who came in search of a country where they could own their own land and enjoy the freedoms set out in the first paragraph of Part I of Bill C-79 of last session, the Canadian Bill of Rights, namely:

(a) the right of the individual to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property, and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law;

(b) the right of the individual to protection of the law without discrimination by reason of race, national origin, colour, religion or sex;

(c) freedom of religion;

(d) freedom of speech;

(e) freedom of assembly and association; and

(f) freedom of the press.

The western newspapers gave a lot of publicity to the Bill of Rights and many of them published full-page reproductions of the bill. I have in my hand one which appeared in the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* of November 17, 1960.

Hon. Mr. Reid: What is the black band around it for?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: It is a decoration.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Thousands of special copies of this full-page layout were reproduced in suitable form for framing and hanging and distributed without cost. I might say that these had a gold border around them. People were invited to write to the *Star-Phoenix* and order as many copies as they wanted. I understand that the *Leader-Post* in Regina also distributed copies in the same way. These documents are being framed and hung up in the schools and libraries of the towns, villages and cities in the Prairie provinces.