

the business of a more intensified war effort, which we were told by the ministers here during the past few days they intend to do, the greater the danger from within. . . .

Perhaps because of the peculiar audacity of the communist agitators working under cover, with orders from Moscow, we have paid too little attention to fascist and nazi activities in our midst. A fact which stares us in the face to-day is that ever since last August the communist, nazi and fascist elements in Canada have made common cause with each other. Their sole objective is to destroy the British empire by whatever means lie at their hands. We are living in a fool's paradise if we assume that Canada, the premier dominion, a dominion with enormous potentialities for assisting the allies to win the war, is to be excluded from this objective.

A short time ago the hon. member for Parry Sound said he was not an alarmist but a realist. On May 22 I expressed the same view in these words—

Mr. DUPUIS: Before the hon. gentleman proceeds to read, or reread, his speech, I should like to remind him that according to the rules of this house he has no right to read speeches he made during the same session. I do not want to prevent him from making his speech—

Mr. BRUCE: I was going to read only a short extract. On the occasion referred to, I ventured to ask the Minister of Justice whether, in view of what had happened recently, he would take a realistic view of the situation. My remarks, however, met with a rather unfriendly reception on the part of hon. gentlemen opposite. During that address, the hon. member for Parry Sound asked me several questions, to which I replied on July 4, as reported at page 1332 of *Hansard*.

I am very glad indeed that the committee has had its meetings and has come to such a satisfactory conclusion resulting in this eminently satisfactory bill. There is just one other matter to which I should like to refer; that is, to that part of the remarks of the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell), in which he referred to the attorney general of Ontario as suffering from hysteria. As a medical man that does not seem to me a very nice term to apply to a man occupying a distinguished position.

Mr. COLDWELL: What is the medical term?

Mr. BRUCE: It means an uncontrolled condition of mind without any physical basis, or as applied in this case, without any facts to support the attitude taken on this particular issue. May I say that the attorney general of Ontario has under his authority the provincial police of Ontario. It is also his duty to appoint two members of the board of police

commissioners of the city of Toronto. Therefore he is in a unique position to obtain important information in regard to the activities of these subversive elements; and if anyone in the country is in a position to act on facts, in a realistic way, it is the attorney general of Ontario. I presume the attorneys general of other provinces would be in an equally fortunate position. Therefore on behalf of the attorney general of Ontario, whom I know to be a man of integrity, I say that if he was active in calling attention to the dangers from within, I am quite sure he had very good reason for the position he took.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): My hon. friend has been speaking on behalf of the attorney general of Ontario. I should like to say just a word on behalf of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe). If I understood him aright the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Bruce) said he had made certain suggestions with regard to subversive activities which had not been given a very kindly reception by hon. gentlemen opposite, meaning on this side of the chamber.

Mr. BRUCE: I did not mean by the Minister of Justice but by some members of the house opposite.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I am glad my hon. friend has made that clear, because I am sure no hon. member of this house has been more deeply concerned about subversive activities and the necessary action to be taken in relation thereto than has the Minister of Justice. In his absence I should not like that statement to go unchallenged.

Mr. BRUCE: I should like to supplement what I said by stating that I have great respect and admiration for the Minister of Justice, who has treated me with courtesy and kindness.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

The house resumed at three o'clock.

Mr. J. A. MARSHALL (Camrose): Mr. Speaker, with the possible exception of the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggart (Mr. Coldwell), every hon. member who has taken part in this debate so far is a member of the legal profession, and it may seem presumptuous for one who is not a member of that profession to speak at this time. I consider myself fortunate in having been appointed a member of the committee which was set up by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King) to discuss the defence of