

for Qu'Appelle and the other the hon. member for Cape Breton South, who always earnestly, conscientiously, and I think brilliantly, defends labour.

But we did not get any contribution of that kind from the hon. member for Vancouver East. I can understand the position of the members of that party, however, and even the position of the Progressive Conservative party. They are not very strong—

Mr. FRASER: They are getting better all the time.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: You need to get a good deal better. However, I would say to the Liberals and the Conservatives that perhaps we should adopt something of the policy of the C.C.F. and prepare for the future, because there will be elections coming on again not only in four years' time but in eight years, twelve years, sixteen years and so on. Possibly one of the reasons my friends of the C.C.F. are planning their programme as they are is this very fact. At least, according to the Vancouver *Daily Province*, a responsible newspaper, they may be looking to the future for votes, because I see by the *Province* of October 4, 1944, the headline, "Possible solution to Jap problem; C.C.F. suggests intermarriage." Maybe that is the solution for the future from the point of view of votes. The newspaper to which I am referring gives a report of a meeting, and I see that at that meeting a suggestion was made which perhaps proposes one way in which they might be able to get a class of voters who would endorse some of their policies. One speaker at that meeting suggested:

If one hundred of the best white boys were married to one hundred of the best Japanese girls they would have a product Canada would be proud of.

What a suggestion!

An hon. MEMBER: Who said that?

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: A C.C.F. speaker at a C.C.F. meeting in the city of Vancouver. That may be one way of getting satisfactory voters in the future, and it may be one reason why in Saskatchewan only two of the Japanese have been asked to be sent back to Japan. I do not know.

I almost wept last night when the hon. member for Vancouver East told us about the old Japanese father. I am not trying in any way to poke fun at this poor old Japanese father, because I admire any father, of any race, who expresses a wish to see his son before he dies. But, as I say, I almost wept when the hon. gentleman told us of this dear old Japanese in British Columbia who before his death was so anxious to have his son visit him

and who was unfortunately comforted only by the return of his daughter. Well, I thought of some of the mothers in my own riding who to-day have not yet got their sons back from Hong Kong because those boys are in hospitals. I thought of other mothers in my riding whose sons will never return, and then I did not weep so much.

I am not one of those who are afraid to speak of atrocities when we hear all this claptrap about such dear, delightful Japanese men who are so loyal to Canada and who must not be sent back. I heard the leader of the C.C.F. party, perhaps rightly, defend the league of nations, but I would like him to check up on some of the actions of the league of nations after the last war when they moved hundreds of thousands of Greeks, Turks and Armenians from their own native land. I have not heard so much from my hon. friends of the C.C.F. about Russia whose system they so proudly boast of. Perhaps I am treading on dangerous ground when I talk about international affairs, but I have not heard so much about those people who were taken from Poland, from their own country, and moved elsewhere. Not a word about them.

I should like to say a word with reference to my friend the hon. member for Kootenay West, because he is a good friend of mine. He has the advantage of rooming next door to me. He is something like the hon. member for Cartier, because he is in a sort of no-man's land, in a party of his own. He has the great advantage of having been a Liberal in the past, and I forgive him a good deal because I do not think he knows anything about the Japanese problem. If he is so anxious to have them in his riding there will be no quarrel in Fraser Valley should his wish be fulfilled. I would point out, however, that prior to Pearl Harbor and the evacuation of the Japanese from the coast, there was exactly one Jap in his riding. I also had some of those letters from people in his riding, from the ghost towns where merchants were bankrupt until the Japs moved in. I had letters from certain organizations. I can understand the interior saw mills wanting cheap Jap labour, but I do not understand the remarks we have heard from people with reference to that terrible word, not leprosy, but capitalism. Let me quote something from the Vancouver *Sun*—if you can quote from two good papers like these, you will get your name in both to-morrow. I quote the following:

We, the undersigned Canadian-born Japanese

I have not the time to read the whole of this article, but I want the committee to mark