

hon. member's group would undertake to support him in the stand he takes, but I hope every hon. member in the house has a greater sense of responsibility than to suggest that the doors to Canada should be opened to any Asiatic race, or any race from any country of the world.

I did not quite understand the hon. member for Lake Centre (Mr. Diefenbaker), either. I have deep admiration for his histrionic talents, and also for his keen legal mind. I was sorry to note that he was not in entire agreement with the hon. member for Vancouver South. But if we signed a united nations agreement, then I believe one of the ministers should have told, let us say the less legalistic members of the house, what we were signing. They should have told us why, as the hon. member for Lake Centre suggests, our doors are wide open, and why anybody from any country can come in here, without our being able to discriminate against them. We should have been advised.

Mr. COLDWELL: He did not say that.

Mr. GIBSON (Comox-Alberni): I am glad he did not. The hon. member makes me feel more comfortable on that score. If we cannot use some discretion in accepting the kind, number and type of immigrants who come to this country, then parliament might as well get up and go home. If we ever open the door to a billion people on the Asiatic continent, then we never shall have a Canada; in about fifty years we would be absorbed.

If we have signed any document of that kind, then I should be much easier in my mind if the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. St. Laurent) were to speak clearly to the house on the subject. Are we to be the masters of our own fate in that regard, or are we subject to what the united nations may decide as to what is to be the future content of the population of Canada?

I have heard a great deal said about China's being a good ally of ours. I should be the first to admit that they put up a magnificent fight, and under most difficult circumstances, long before we got into the war. But I would remind them, and the house, that the procedure of being a good ally works two ways. Canada has been a pretty good friend and ally of China. If we can advance loans or some other assistance to China, so as to get those people on their feet, and to assist them in the development of their own country, I would be in complete approval. But I feel that this is a white Canada that we have here, and we must definitely limit the number of Chinese we permit to come in. We cannot let in any more than we can assimilate.

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A great deal has been said about the magnificent market that China affords for Canadian goods, but I have always felt that Canadian citizenship is something that cannot be bartered away just because we want to sell something. We had an experience of that kind in 1937, 1938 and 1939 when this government decided that there was a marvellous market in the orient for our scrap-iron and copper. We got it back during the war.

I believe that we should treat the Chinese with the greatest tolerance, generosity and understanding, but I would warn every hon. member that we have a solemn responsibility toward the generations that come after us to see that we keep this Canada white. I do not say that in any derogatory way, because I believe that a man with a yellow skin or a black skin is just as good as I am in every respect. But we have a responsibility to Canada that we must undertake and stand up for. The early pioneers in this country, the French who are so proud of their race, their speech and their religion, and our English and Scottish ancestors endured all the hardships of those early days and helped to create this great country, and I think we owe it to them to make sure that future generations in this country will be predominantly white and predominantly British.

Mr. DAVID CROLL (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, at noon today I picked up my copy of *Hansard* and turned to page 232, and there I saw a question asked by the hon. member for Yale (Mr. Stirling) and answered by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell), indicating that there are at present in British Columbia 6,750 Japanese, while in Ontario we have 6,710. I feel that that qualifies me to speak as an expert, though I did not know it before I picked up *Hansard*.

Mr. GREEN: Probably they do not want to stay there.

Mr. CROLL: Then I turn to page 234 of *Hansard*, where another question was asked by the hon. member for Yale and answered by the Minister of Labour. The second part of the question was:

How many of the provincial governments requested their removal?

He was referring to the Japanese. The answer was: None. If the British Columbia members do not welcome me as an expert on this question, and already I hear mumbling, I shall not talk any further on it. I am only an expert as of 1941. I therefore leave that subject for the present and pass on to the next topic.