

were inclined to minimize it in the years following the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. But I do want it to be thoroughly understood that nothing I have said this afternoon is to be taken as belittling the danger that exists in Europe today, or the urgent need for rearmament. After all, our Minister of External Affairs is the man who must know most about this situation, and, as he said in his admirable speech in the other place last Friday, the danger in Europe is great. But I do think there is no reason for us to become hysterical, as certain political figures and certain publications in the United States have given evidence of doing during the last few weeks. I am glad that there has been no reflection of that hysteria in this country.

What I have tried to do is to analyse certain features of the European situation along the lines suggested by General Eisenhower in his broadcast to the American people last Friday evening, when he said:

We should examine the current situation fearlessly, neither shutting our eyes to obvious dangers nor permitting fear to warp our judgment.

Honourable senators, in these difficult and critical times there is one thought in which I find much consolation. When you get down to the root of the thing, it is not so much the competing political systems of communist

dictatorship on the one hand and democracy on the other, that matter; it is the men behind those systems. If we of the western world keep together and if we stand true to our belief in God, in the sacredness of the human personality, and in the free and unfettered play of the human mind, we have an immense advantage over the deluded and downtrodden dupes of any dictatorship. The free man is always worth more than the slave.

The other day I came across an English translation of a Greek poem, written more than 2000 years ago, which expresses very aptly the idea that I am trying to convey. This is how it reads:

It is not streets where proud-roofed mansions stand,
Nor masonry of ramparts deftly planned,

It is not dockyard, quay, or jetty

That, in themselves, can make a city—

But men, with hearts to use what comes to hand.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Turgeon: Honourable senators, I beg leave to move the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to, and the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.