

Privilege—Mr. Low

I have already suggested here helicopters, based on small, cheaply constructed ships, might be considered.

In closing, Mr. Chairman—I want to say that I appreciate the indulgence of the committee for these extra few minutes—I come to this question of manpower. The navy, of all the services, has come closest to reaching its objective. In the white paper there is some reference to the fact that they have had to kick out some members of the naval service as they have not been suitable. I think it may be possible to get more suitable men in our navy by the use of a better method of selling the navy to the public. People should be proud to join the navy. In my opinion it is the finest of the three services. The other two come close, mind you, but of all the services I think the navy is the finest. It should be pointed out to our young people that the navy offers a fine opportunity. I think possibly there should be a better method of selling the navy to these young people.

I do not wish to make any remarks about morale or conditions of service. I do not think any hon. member has a right to do this unless he has had an opportunity of going through the naval establishments or spending some time at sea. I am not prepared to do so because I have not had that chance. However, in closing I would say to the minister that possibly next year some hon. members on this side of the house might be given an opportunity of visiting naval ships or perhaps taking a few days' cruise on one of them so they can see exactly how the navy is operated. I hope to be able to do so myself, and I am looking forward to it.

With these suggestions I close my remarks, and I shall be waiting with interest to hear the answers the minister may give to some of the questions I have put to him.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

PRIVILEGE

MR. LOW—REFERENCE TO REMARKS IN DEBATE
THIS DAY

Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I would crave the indulgence of the house for just one or two minutes in order to raise a question of privilege. In the course of my remarks this afternoon I quoted

a statement reported to have been made by the Prime Minister as he toured the east in 1954. My attention has been drawn since to a correction which the Prime Minister made in this house on March 25, 1954, and carried at page 3332 of *Hansard* for that date.

I think it is only right, in view of the fact that the Prime Minister did make a correction and I had either forgotten about it or it had not been drawn to my attention, to put it on the record. I would not wish to wilfully do an injustice to the Prime Minister or any man and for that reason, if you will allow me, I should like to read these two or three paragraphs. The Prime Minister said:

There is one thing, however, about which I do feel quite sure that there was an inaccuracy. There was one report that I had said that I was sure we would have to recognize the present government of China as the government the people of China wanted. I feel quite sure I never would use those words intentionally because I never had that feeling about the present government of China. But I must have used some words almost like them since so many of these reporters have come out with that as their version of what they heard and understood, that I felt we would have to be realistic and recognize the government of China "as the government the people wanted".

I should not have said "the government the people wanted". What I had in mind was that, in spite of our dislike of any form of communist or totalitarian government, we could not expect to have to deal with the kind of government, representing the people on the other side, we would like them to have, the kind of government we would want them to have, but that we would have to deal with the government they had as a matter of fact, the government that was in control of the forces that were participating in the happenings that were causing such tension and such anxiety in the international field. That is what I meant. That is what I should have said in words that could not be mistaken or interpreted in any other way because I think that with such a statement there would have been little or no concern and little, if any, controversy about it in this country or anywhere else.

If I did any injustice to the Prime Minister this afternoon, I apologize for so doing and I hope this will correct it.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Harris: We shall continue with this tomorrow.

It being ten minutes after six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.