

*External Affairs*

**Mr. Herridge:** I am honoured.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** I tried to follow them carefully I must say. I note that his party supports the United Nations. I think we all support the United Nations so there is no disagreement between us on that point. He speaks about strengthening the commonwealth and he said that our government should do everything that it could. I think there was never a government in the history of Canada that has the commonwealth so much in mind as has this government.

And with regard to the Colombo plan, it was announced by the Secretary of State for External Affairs this afternoon that we are giving \$50 million a year for three years for the assistance of those countries under the Colombo plan. That is the greatest amount that has ever been given as yet.

**Mr. Herridge:** I am glad.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** The hon. member for Kootenay West I think made reference to peaceful coexistence between Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Khrushchev and he spoke about the nice words they said to each other. That was not peaceful coexistence. I can give him a better example than that. That was good neighbourliness, talking like that. If you want an example of peaceful coexistence you only have to read the paper tonight to find one, where the two of them sat together during a Romeo and Juliet play without speaking a word to each other. Mr. Khrushchev walked out of the show and stayed outside during one of the scenes of Romeo and Juliet. That is peaceful coexistence. I do not think we could get a better example of it than the two of them sitting side by side and not speaking a word to each other.

**Mr. Herridge:** But not fighting.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** But not fighting.

**Mr. Herridge:** It is better to talk than fight.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** I do not know about that. The hon. gentleman referred to West Germany and he read something from the *Christian Science Monitor* about the Krupp interests. I was wondering what lesson he wanted us to draw from that. West Germany today is not the Germany it was prior to 1939 nor yet is it the Germany it was prior to 1914. In the first place Germany has been divided into two, namely into East Germany and West Germany. In the second place, West Germany has a different type of government entirely from that which it ever had before. In the third place, it is a member of NATO and is on our side.

[Mr. Browne (St. John's West).]

In the fourth place, we have armed Germany. We have control of the arming of Germany and therefore West Germany is an ally of the west. I gathered from the gist of his argument that he dismissed West Germany as an ally. I think it would be a fundamental mistake if we did, because West Germany possesses great bodies of skilled people, people who are amenable to discipline, and who could put strength on our side.

**Mr. Herridge:** I was quoting what the social democrats in Germany were saying.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** The social democrats are the same as the C.C.F., and the same as Mr. Gaitskell in England.

**An hon. Member:** And Willy Brandt.

**Mr. Browne (St. John's West):** Willy Brandt too. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege last fall of acting as vice-chairman of the Canadian delegation at the thirteenth session of the United Nations which opened in New York on September 16. The chairman was, as he himself told you this afternoon, our Secretary of State for External Affairs. The other members of the delegation were the hon. member for Durham (Mr. Vivian), the hon. member for Queens (Mr. Macquarrie), the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Tremblay), Senator Gunnar S. Thorvaldson, Mr. Jean Morin of Montreal and Mrs. W. T. Hayden of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The members of this house who attended as observers at various periods were the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi (Mr. Grafftey), the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Allard), the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Aiken), the hon. member for Okanagan-Revelstoke (Mr. Fleming), the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Nesbitt), the hon. member for Mackenzie River (Mr. Hardie), the hon. member for Humber-St. George's (Mr. Batten), the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam (Mr. Regier), and the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard).

This was my first visit to the United Nations, and I hope the house will bear with me while I give some impressions of some of the issues which were discussed at this session. I had imagined before I went to the United Nations that it was something like parliament, and I was not disappointed. There are three main buildings down there. There is the secretariat with 38 storeys; the conference building with a great number of conference rooms, all of which are fitted for sound and provide simultaneous translation into five different languages, English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. Then there is the main building, the general assembly, where on opening day 81 nations met from the