

*National Security Measures*

wood (Mr. Brewin), who put forward generalized national defence policies. I really cannot see what help he gets from them. The hon. member for York-Simcoe commented on the remarks of the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East.

**Mr. Macdonald:** And he is not in the House.

**Mr. Nowlan:** He is not in the House, and the hon. member for York-Simcoe is not here. I suspect the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East is behind the curtain trying to figure out what the minister said earlier. The hon. member for York-Simcoe was critical of the remarks of the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East.

I agree with the contribution of the hon. member for Greenwood in respect of priorities. I do not think there is a member of this House who would disagree with his suggested priorities. We must have a force to look after internal order, to maintain surveillance over Canadian sovereignty and to contribute to world peace. These are pious, motherhood platitudes which do not help solve the minister's problem or, getting down to the nitty-gritty, do not suggest how we should implement this type of general policy. The minister will have to balance these general principles with the limited budget he now has.

Without being facetious, let me suggest that at whatever stage the white paper on defence is, perhaps it will have to be revised because of certain events that have taken place in Moscow in the past few days. If the letter of protocol which has been made part of *Hansard* means anything, it means we will experience an adverse feeling about our NATO and NORAD agreements. Perhaps the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) will come back from his wanderings in the Soviet Union and amplify this statement on protocol.

Whatever the members of this House think about the function of NATO, whether those hon. members be young, old, or old with young minds, their attitude has been affected by the successful history of our NATO alliance up to this point. World conditions have changed and we must change our attitude accordingly. One hon. member who spoke during the debate was misguided in respect of his ideas about trade arrangements as related to NATO. Let me point out that both Sweden and Switzerland, the examples he used, have higher per capita defence costs than Canada and many other countries in the western world. We have listened to the words of members of the NDP who, I suggest, suffer from a schizophrenic mentality. As the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall) has pointed out, no one wants to pay dollars for defence. We have more humanitarian things to look after. No one wants to pay money for insurance but, like defence, insurance is protection.

It is time the government took a hard look at some of the old treaty arrangements and came forward with a new defence policy. We must have a policy that is more flexible. I am not suggesting that any member is a war-monger, but certainly members of the NDP have a schizophrenic mentality. They are passionately anti-war, anti-fighting, anti-treaty and anti-everything else having to do with defence. Some members of the NDP are

passionately anti-war, anti-fight, anti-treaty—which we all are in theory. We are pro-God, with certain restrictions. We are for motherhood. We are for milk and honey. We do not want the ravages of war. But it is those people who have not spoken out clearly and critically about a state of unpreparedness who have produced and stimulated more war than those of us who have tried to suggest that we need some type of defence arrangements.

● (4:40 p.m.)

When considering Sweden and Switzerland one must remember, first, that they pay a higher per capita cost for defence and, second—what is more important—both those countries are doing something against which this country has literally fought bloody battles and political battles, that is, the total mobilization of citizens between the ages of 18 and 58. They can be called up and put in the reserve forces. I would like to see any major party seriously advocate such a move in the House of Commons, in view of some of our political battles in the First World War, let alone differences of opinion in the Second World War.

On the one hand, some friends of the NDP say that you have to follow Sweden and Switzerland, keep Simon Pure and keep your head in the sand; and on the other hand, when you look at those countries you see they have mobilization in their defence arrangements which this country has not bought, and their cost for defence is one that this country does not begin to come close to. But enough about this schizophrenic viewpoint of hon. members to my left.

I do not want to be misinterpreted or misrepresented by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Macdonald) because I may be critical of him politically or because I may be most critical of this government in my apprehension about the way in which we are going. Let him not think that I lack confidence in the members of our armed forces who, in spite of the many political machinations of members opposite and of the government, have survived and will survive and have fought battles in the unification and integration of the forces and are now fighting the battle of the implementation of the report of the B and B Commission. Perhaps they are temporarily concerned, but all these problems can be partially resolved if they feel they have a real part to play, a plan to follow and purpose in the general defence policy for which they have been waiting for several years.

Hopefully, the white paper which the minister is supposed to produce will give them guidelines so that they may obtain some inner satisfaction in contributing in a meaningful way to the security arrangements for Canada and an assurance that they will not be left in limbo, where I suggest they have been for too long due to the machinations and manipulations of the procession of ministers through the defence ministry that has been the hallmark of this government.

In a general way, so far as the question of defence is concerned I think any member of Parliament must look with interest, and perhaps trepidation and apprehension, at some of the activity which has taken place in Moscow

[Mr. Nowlan.]