

Supply—External Affairs

quote some of these, but I do not want to take up the time of the committee. However, may I ask the minister whether it would not be possible to have tabled the entire exchange between the Russian embassy here and the government with reference to this affair.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: All I can say is that the request will receive consideration. There will be no time to comply with it this session, but we shall have time to give it consideration before another session is convened.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

41. Departmental administration, \$767,480.

Mr. JAUQUES: It seems that we have disposed of the business that was before us a good deal more expeditiously than we had thought possible and it is not yet two o'clock. I should like to make this statement, and if I am not interrupted it will not take me very long.

The CHAIRMAN: Order. The hon. member says that he wishes to make a statement, which he is about to read. I must remind him that under the rules he is not in order in reading from a written and previously prepared speech. Standing order 41, paragraph 293, forbids this, and I think the rule should be enforced.

Mr. JAUQUES: Then I must say that, had that rule been complied with strictly, the house would have adjourned three or four months ago and perhaps sooner than that. The only reason I propose to stick to my notes closely is that I wish to expedite the business of the house. I can get through so much quicker; that is all. I find it an effort to speak anyway and, when I have to think as I go along, I am so much slower.

The CHAIRMAN: I recall distinctly Mr. Speaker directing the attention of hon. members on several occasions to the rule in this regard and I felt it my duty to remind the hon. gentleman of it.

Mr. JAUQUES: I see the point, Mr. Chairman. I will merely stick closely to my notes. I speak as a member of this new committee on external affairs. When the committee started I was quite enthusiastic because I thought the opportunity would be seized to use the facilities of the committee in order that we might get first-hand information on the various international questions which are of so much importance at the present time. I thought we could call witnesses from both sides, and then, having heard both sides, we

[Mr. Irvine.]

could make up our minds as to the truth. But that did not seem to meet with the approval of the committee until, toward the end of the proceedings, permission was requested by the zionists to bring witnesses before the committee to put their case about Palestine. That was agreed to, provided that the Arabs had a similar privilege afterwards. That was the only discussion we had during the sittings of the committee on external affairs, and since Palestine is the master key to an understanding of the international situation I should like to devote a few minutes to that subject, not so much to the actual conditions in Palestine itself as to the zionist-communist forces which seek world control. With regard to Palestine itself, of course there is a virtual state of war. There is also an insidious and persistent propaganda in favour of world government and a world police state. To-day speakers have apparently expressed approval of the present state of the people in the world, but I should like to quote from the oldest and perhaps the most respected Liberal paper of the old country, which is the weekly called *Truth*. This is what the editor has to say on world conditions at the present time:

Over half the world to-day men are allowed to live only if their lives be deemed inoffensive to the gangs which have butchered their way to power. They are kept in complete slavery, fed on lies, their thoughts manipulated this way and that by puppet tyrants. Is this the reign of civilization, or is it the return to the barbarian, made terrible by his having learnt, down to the smallest detail, the meticulous organization of savagery as an instrument of power. Over most of the rest of the world, spread like a hideous gangrene, is an organized exploitation of human want, helplessness and misery so all embracing that entire nations are smothered by it, and entire bureaucracies and armies caught up by the opportunity of the times to oppress, plunder and defraud the scores of millions who have no defence and no rights.

This is a matter of vital importance to Canadians. Only this morning, since I have been sitting in the house, I received a pamphlet headed "Protest the British Terror in Palestine!" The article goes on to say:

Palestine lies crushed under a regime of brutal terror for the last several weeks. Under the pretext of suppressing terrorism, the British labour government under the leadership of Attlee and Bevin have begun a campaign to wipe out the "Yishuv", in order to strengthen British imperialist domination over the peoples of Palestine and the near east. It is tragic to note, that since the crushing of Hitlerism, Great Britain, pretended friend of world Jewry, has been the first power to strike a heavy and shameful blow with the full force of her armed might against the Jewish people.

The sudden raids of June 29, can only compare with the brutal anti-Jewish terror of the nazis in the various ghettos in Europe at the time of Hitler's domination.