

to split the western vote, which they could not do unless that vote were free. They are fully aware of the fact that a policy put forward by a Western state in the United Nations secures support from other democratic delegations only if that policy is able to carry the conviction of those delegations. I can assure you, for instance, that at these meetings Canada is not the subservient satellite of any power, however friendly. On the other hand, the Communists have long since given up the pretence that any such democratic process exists amongst the states which vote with the communist bloc. At the last session of the General Assembly, for example, the representative of one of the Soviet satellite states, in the course of a meeting made a proposal which he thought would strengthen the communist position. To his surprise and, no doubt, chagrin he found that his motion was attacked by the representative of the Soviet Union. Therefore, when his own resolution was put to the vote, he voted against it, quite shamelessly abandoning his position for no other reason than that it displeased the representative of the U.S.S.R. On another occasion the representative of a small communist-controlled state voted, no doubt by error, with the Western members of the United Nations. The Soviet member of the Committee intervened, corrected the vote, and even insisted that the record be changed. I hesitate to think what would happen if the British or American member of a U.N. Committee tried in this, or in any other way to give orders to a Canadian delegate.

The majorities which the democratic nations have always maintained on matters of importance in the United Nations have not depended, of course, on humiliating procedures and devices of this nature. These tactics do, however, create a problem for us, because we are endeavouring to build an international organization on democratic principles in company with a small and disciplined minority, who do not believe in these principles and who do not have the least hesitation in bringing discredit and disorder to that organization if it suits their purpose to do so.

This minority of states also endeavours to keep the international situation confused and uncertain by using the Communist parties in the Western democracies to attack the foreign policies of their own governments when those policies run counter to the desires of Moscow. The Communist party in Canada is extremely small and we may be tempted to feel that it is not able to do very much harm in this country or to weaken our position abroad. Let us never forget, however, that it gets support from and acts on orders from, the centre of communist international authority in Moscow. That is its strength and our danger.

A former secretary of the Communist party in Canada has recently been convicted in the Canadian courts of acting as an agent for the Soviet Government in Canada. Unabashed by this revelation of their enslavement to a foreign authority, our local communists continue to attach a foreign policy based on collective security under the Atlantic Pact, to which an overwhelming majority of Canadians have given their support. But what is more important, they attack it on lines which have been laid down in Moscow, and they do their best to embarrass their own Government and their own country by repeating the malicious and unfounded charges levelled against us by a foreign power. In pursuing these tactics they do not observe any of the normal restraints or decencies which are generally accepted in free society; or any of the rules by which we conduct our daily life together. Here as elsewhere, they will descend to any length of deceit, misrepresentation and vituperation in attacking those with whom they are not in agreement. It is time that we realized fully that in our community activities, in our labour unions, in our professional and occupational groups, even in our welfare organizations,

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