

North Atlantic Treaty

Vancouver is a big city. A large number of the people are respectable and law-abiding citizens.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Pouliot: But there are bums and thieves.

Mr. Sinclair: And communists.

Mr. Pouliot: Probably so, and other disreputable people. This is true not only in Vancouver but everywhere in Canada.

An hon. Member: Even Riviere du Loup.

Mr. Pouliot: We have a police force in Riviere du Loup just as there is in Vancouver. In my city I pay taxes for the police just as my hon. friend in Vancouver must pay taxes for the police for the protection of himself, his family and his constituents. If there were no such police in Vancouver all the bums would be attracted by speeches like the one he has delivered tonight.

Mrs. Sirum: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I wanted to vote for the Atlantic pact, but I have to catch a train in a few moments. In case I miss the boat I want the long-winded members to know I am in favour of the pact and if I were here I would vote for the motion.

Mr. Pouliot: I congratulate my hon. friend on coming to the house while I was making my speech, and I say that is my reward. I am most grateful to her for that, and I wish her a trip that will be just as good as her speech.

Mr. Sinclair: One way.

Mrs. Sirum: You are not up to your usual form.

Mr. Pouliot: Mr. Speaker, I was explaining the necessity for police in the world. If the member for Vancouver Centre (Mr. Young) were appointed lecturer to the police force of any city in Canada, the force would be dismissed at once as no good. I tell you, sir, that I have never listened to such a strange performance as the one that has been put on by my hon. friend. At the present time I am most lenient to the new members. I want to give them a chance.

At an earlier stage today the member spoke on behalf of his party. He said "We socialists; we tailors of Tooley Street, Vancouver." Afterwards, he was expressing his views and he had a right to do so. Then, he was speaking again in the name of his party.

Mr. Thatcher: No, he was not; he was speaking for himself.

Mr. Pouliot: He led us to believe that he was speaking on behalf of his party and I am [Mr. Pouliot.]

very glad to hear the member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Thatcher) say no. I am not surprised that he said no.

Mr. Coldwell: I spoke on behalf of the party.

Mr. Pouliot: I will not say anything about my own appreciation of what he said, sir. When we have listened to what has been said about this pact by the leaders of the various groups in the house, and then when we listen to a speech such as that delivered by the member on a matter of such importance, which concerns the life of all Canadians, may I say, speaking as a member of parliament, that I am deeply offended. It is a matter that must be considered seriously and I am sure that if the hon. gentleman does not mend his ways, if he continues speaking in that manner, he will do considerable harm to his party in spite of the very fine speeches that are made by the leader of the group and by so many able members who belong to it. I do not say that as a matter of censorship, but as a member of parliament who wants to do his duty—a duty he has to perform as a matter of trust.

Just one more word, Mr. Speaker. The matter is serious. The other day I said that international sovereignty was nonsense and it has been reported wrongly in *Hansard*. I said what I believed. I do not believe in international sovereignty. I believe also that instead of having pacts made in other countries by the former major powers, we should have our own pact with all other nations of the world.

But, Mr. Speaker, there is something else that I want to stress before you. It is that for a long time I have complained of the fact of the distinction between major powers and little countries. In the security council of the United Nations, Canada was there in turn. But in the United Nations organization everything was decided by the major powers. Countries like Canada, Australia and others had their say only at times, we had no status of equality, whilst in the Atlantic pact all are equal. For me the Atlantic pact is much superior to the United Nations organization. That is one point.

There is another point. I remember that my friend the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Low), the leader of the Social Credit group, my good friend Tommy Church from Toronto, who is probably being nominated tonight as candidate in this coming election, and myself were called irresponsible by a dirty paper of Montreal because we were telling the truth. We were saying that the United Nations organization was going on the rocks. I compliment my friend the leader of the Social Credit group and my good friend