

tive body; and the House of Commons is the servant and representative of the people who elect its members. So that eventually "the Crown" is the people of Great Britain and Ireland who elect the members of the House of Commons. And herein lay a defect in the affairs of the British Empire. If that "Crown" could have been enlarged so as to include the "people" of all parts of the British Empire, by giving to them all so far as possible, direct representation in the supreme governing Parliament or House of Commons, we would indeed have been a body of nations (though not each clothed with full sovereign powers) under a Common Crown, which Crown would be ourselves, collectively asserting through that Parliament the will of ourselves, collected and organized into one great Commonwealth of British Nations.

What is the meaning of a 'demand'?
Is it not?

To what is it that we really owe allegiance and really give allegiance? We owe allegiance to, and give allegiance to, a common race, a common country, (and under the British Empire every part of that Empire was common country to every British citizen) to a common national, imperial and racial history and development, to a common language, to a common democratic form of government and democratic ideals and laws, to the evolution and organization of a certain people into one great world power in the number of great world powers; in a word, we owe and give allegiance to our race and country, which is ourselves, organized into one great sovereign state, much more than to any "common Crown" in any other sense that the words can be used -- whether of the King, or the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, or even of the people of Great Britain and Ireland only. And when a man or woman becomes a "Naturalized" Subject or citizen of our country they adopt all these things as theirs, and swear allegiance thereto, forswearing all allegiance to any other race, people, country etc., even as we on the other hand adopt them into our race, people and country. Our oaths of allegiance would be in far better form and truer to the facts, if they swore us to allegiance to that Sovereign State (i.e. our country), which is ourselves organized into a sovereign state, than they are at present when they swear us to allegiance to our Sovereign.

How can you have a number of nations "with full sovereign powers, linked in perpetual alliance..on terms of equality under a common Crown"? Or linked in any other way in a perpetual alliance? Can each of these proposed sovereign nations declare war and make peace on its own behalf? Can any one of them declare war upon any other of them? What flag will they adopt as the emblem of their "perpetual alliance"? Of what country will their people be citizens, or by what name will their citizens be known? Can they make what treaties they like, or enter into such alliances as they like -- even hostile to each other?

Does not the adoption of Mr. Dafoe's view of Canada's future in the British Empire mean, the dismembering of that Empire? Does it not mean that there shall be no British Empire, or British Commonwealth? Does it not mean that Great Britain and Ireland shall go back to where they were 300 years ago, despoiled of the Dominions beyond the Seas? Does it not mean that England, Scotland and Wales and a part of Ireland shall be a kingdom -- with the rest of Ireland a thorn in the side? And that Canada shall also be a kingdom? And Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa all kingdoms? And what kind of an alliance are they to have? Shall it be one in black and white -- on paper? Or what other kind shall it be? Such a proposition as Mr. Dafoe's so far as I can understand it means, the dismembering of the British Empire. The British Empire, or the British Commonwealth, or the Commonwealth of British Nations, or by whatever name you call it, is ended.

How can a number of nations with full sovereign powers be linked in perpetual alliance under a common Crown, no matter what that "Crown" may be, unless that "Crown" is above them all. They can hardly be under the "Crown" unless the "Crown" is above them. Is not the idea of a number of "nations linked in perpetual