

has resided for some time and where people know him best, to Halifax in order that he may have a fair trial? Surely the minister cannot justify that on the program of economy laid down by the government.

Mr. GUTHRIE: This discussion started on the ground of the man's having a fair trial. Now when that is disposed of, the question is raised as to the expense. I do not know what arrangement the Department of Immigration makes in regard to expenses, but I can guarantee the investigation will be fair and the man will not be under any expense.

Mr. NEILL: Is it not a fact, if a man is charged with a criminal offence under the ordinary criminal code and it is desirable for some reason to transfer the trial to another area, what is called a change of venue, that permission for the change must be granted by a supreme court judge? If I am right in saying that such is the practice, it would suggest that the accused's rights are safeguarded in that particular way. Would it not be a good thing if the same course obtained in such a matter as that now under discussion?

Mr. GUTHRIE: It might be. I am not justifying taking men out of their own provinces for the purposes of these investigations. Under the provincial law, a change of venue is usually subject to the judgment of some provincial court; they decide these matters, but there is nothing of that in the Immigration Act.

Mr. BROWN: I fully realize it is not the Minister of Justice who is involved in this case; it does not come under his department. It is the Department of Immigration that is at fault, if there be any; but this seems to be the only opportunity we have at the moment of bringing up the matter. I think the minister will agree that if this procedure is sanctioned by the immigration law, it is pretty nearly time that law was changed.

Mr. GUTHRIE: That may be.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: As having a bearing on this, I might mention a similar case before the public at present. This is from the Ottawa Citizen of May 5:

Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Arvo Vaara, editor of the Finnish Daily Vapaus at Sudbury, and Martin Parker, translator. The two men were arrested when police raided the newspaper office yesterday, bundled into a large automobile with five plainclothesmen, and the car left immediately, heading south.

To-day the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Ottawa said the raid was carried out by the provincial police, while the Ontario provincial police headquarters here said that they "had no report."

[Mr. Beaubien.]

"Have you any idea where the men were taken?" Inspector Alfred Cuddy of the provincial police, was asked to-day.

"Not the slightest. We have no report on them," he replied.

Apparently these men were spirited away from Sudbury. Somebody near me suggests they were kidnapped. I do not say that, but it is extraordinary if men can be taken in this way, seemingly without any charge being made. I am not defending this man Vaara, who is a communist and who may have got into trouble, as I understand he did several years ago, but I think he ought to have received a trial. The Minister of Justice may tell me not to take the newspapers too seriously, but apparently it is only through the press that we can get information concerning these matters. This is a Montreal despatch of May 6, which appears in this evening's Ottawa Citizen:

Arvo Vaara, communist editor of the Finnish Daily Vapaus of Sudbury, who was arrested in a police raid on the newspaper, will be deported, Col. W. H. Price, Ontario attorney general, said here before sailing abroad the Canadian National liner Lady Somers for a vacation in the West Indies.

He replied in the affirmative.

"Will he be sent from Montreal by any of the liners leaving to-day?"

Mr. Price said that he did not think so as it would likely take several days to have the deportation papers arranged.

"This man was in trouble three times for statements derogatory to His Majesty," Mr. Price added. "Now he has been going too far again and we are certainly not going to put up with violence."

Mr. Price added that it was essential to protect Canadians and that reds who incited to violence would be sent out of the country.

I have no objection to deporting any foreigner who incites to violence. I suppose that is the only course for the country to take. But what I should like to ask is this: Has the man had his trial? On whose authority does Mr. Price say that he is to be deported? Mr. Price, as an official, may have very good grounds for knowing something about this man, but the accused has not yet had a trial, or if he has had one, it was very short, because apparently he was arrested only yesterday. Now he is in Montreal and I presume he may be on his way to Halifax. Before we can learn anything about the matter, the attorney general says that the man is to be deported. I do not know what kind of attorney general they have in Ontario who sentences a man before he has a trial. I do not know if that is what the minister calls a fair trial, but when such things are happening we ought to have a fuller explanation of the situation than we have yet had