

*Lack of Debate on Foreign Affairs*

meeting of the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States, an impression has been created by the press and other public news media in the United States and in Canada that all is not well between the leaders of these two countries. The result has been a not too good view of Canada being taken in the United States. I am sure that all of us who have friends or relatives in the United States hear this.

Then, as I mentioned before, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, on the important question of Viet Nam, certainly gives the impression to anyone listening to it in the United States that by far the majority of Canadians disapprove of the policy of the United States Government. While some Canadians may well do that, I reiterate that the great majority of Canadians do not disapprove of the policies of the Government of the United States in this regard. But, as I say, those in the United States who listen to the C.B.C. and public affairs commentators could certainly gain no other impression.

• (4:20 p.m.)

I should now like to refer back to the question of Dominican Republic. First of all, we should find out what is the position of the Government of Canada with respect to the partial occupation of the Dominican Republic by the United States. As I have mentioned, we should find out what is the Government's position with respect to the policies of the United States. Second, I would suggest to the Prime Minister that, while all of us realize the sensitivities of Latin America in this regard, perhaps we should endorse the policies to date of the United States, particularly with regard to a force from the Organization of American States taking over and replacing United States troops as soon as appropriate. After all, as the fate of South Viet Nam has some effect on the countries of Southeast Asia and their ultimate future, owing to specific policies of the United States, so is the case with the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic, however, is closer to home, really right on our own doorstep, and what happens there can have an immediate effect not only on the security of the United States but on our security as well. I say that because if anything should happen to the United States—we should make no mistake about this and should remind ourselves of it—how long would we last? I suggest not long, Mr. Speaker. We must remember we are playing with our own future, too. It is all very well to have highminded ideas, which

I am sure most of us would agree with if they were practicable and capable of being put into effect, but the fact of the matter is that the Communist agents in the Caribbean and Latin America who are launched from Cuba are no doubt quite ready to go into other countries. While we may argue or discuss this matter in the press, or in the House of Commons, or in Congress or somewhere else, these people have moved in and taken over. It is our own future that is being played with down there. We would not get this opportunity of talking about this question in a nice comfortable drawing room or in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, if the Communists had taken over; we should remind ourselves of that.

The last item which requires some explanation is the question of our relations with the Republic of France. For some time a number of rather peculiar things seem to have been going on in our relations with that country. In this regard I mention, first of all, the alleged activities of some members of the embassy staff of the Republic of France in Ottawa when the question of Trans-Canada Air Lines, as it was then, purchasing certain types of aircraft was a matter of public discussion. This took place a year or so ago. As I recall it, Mr. Speaker, at the time there was some question whether Trans-Canada Air Lines, now known as Air Canada, of course, with its change of name, should purchase new intermediate range passenger jet aircraft from the United States, from the United Kingdom or from France, the aircraft in the latter case being the Caravelle. At the time there were quite a few allegations in the press and elsewhere that some officials, I understood rather senior officials, from the French embassy were, to say the least, attempting to influence students in Montreal to demonstrate on behalf of purchase of the Caravelle aircraft. That would seem rather odd behaviour for members of an embassy staff to engage in. France is a friendly country, and not only a friendly country but an ally; and certainly these allegations were not denied.

The second matter I wish to raise concerns a very strange event which took place in October 1964. I asked a question of the Prime Minister at the time, and he promised he would look into the matter. We have heard nothing further of it since, so I would remind the Prime Minister again at this time. It concerns a report in the *Ottawa Citizen* for October 5 last of an address by one Xavier Deniau, French deputy from Loiret, to a meeting