

Another source of freedom and vitality in Canada is our Federal system with provincial and municipal governments, in no way under central control and free to initiate activities within the spheres assigned to them by the Constitution. Incidentally, I believe the health and strength of our nation depend just as much upon the way our local institutions discharge their obligations, as upon the way we deal with more general political problems at Ottawa. There are few of our institutions on which the health of our free Society is so dependent as it is upon our educational institutions and particularly on our universities. Education in the totalitarian state is indoctrination and propaganda; the very preservation of free nations depends upon freedom to teach, freedom to learn and freedom to investigate. Happily our constitution as well as our traditions have given us safeguards of educational freedom, and there is no freedom we should cherish more.

It seems to be a historical law that the totalitarian state cannot tolerate any form of religion; the totalitarian state demands religious as well as political allegiance to itself. Religious freedom - the utmost possible freedom for the Churches - is, on the other hand, the very hall-mark of a healthy free nation. Then, too, I am one of the unrepentant who believe that free enterprise is essential to a healthy nation. I think freedom is necessary in order to provide scope for enterprise - but I also think that enterprise - real enterprise, even adventurous enterprise - is necessary to achieve the maximum development of the vast resources of a new country like ours. In advocating freedom of enterprise, I do not mean that governments should not have a large measure of responsibility for promoting vigorous economic activity and for contributing actively to human welfare.

I believe that social security, or social insurance as I prefer to describe it, like ordinary insurance, can be a stimulus and not an impediment to enterprise. I am convinced it is the duty of governments, federal, provincial and municipal, to do everything they can effectively to improve human welfare and to maintain conditions favourable to successful enterprise and thereby to high levels of employment and prosperity. We all want high levels of employment and prosperity but we have always said the bulk of employment should be provided by private enterprise. I do not think it would be wise for any government to kill the geese that we are counting on to lay the golden eggs.

Perhaps you are beginning to think I am getting a long way from Canada's part in the cold war. Well, I am not really. I do not believe Totalitarian Communism ever really hoped to achieve world domination by a direct frontal attack. The Communists profess to believe that sooner or later a bigger depression will engulf the capitalist world which will then collapse of its own weight. That is the day of opportunity they are waiting for. Totalitarian Communism does not rely solely on the armed strength of the countries behind the Iron Curtain; as one writer has put it, the special advantage of Communist imperialism - its war head - lies in the fifth column; and the fifth column is based on local Communist parties and their secret agents in free countries.

This potential fifth column presents every free nation with one of the most difficult and perplexing problems.