

and efficient body of men. I do not happen to know Commissioner Wood, but his reputation inspires in me every confidence that he is faithfully carrying out the methods and traditions of his high office as developed by the capable, fearless men who preceded him. I did know intimately his immediate predecessor, Sir James MacBrien, one of Canada's greatest soldiers and ablest administrators. I feel sure that the able and efficient work which he did in the years of his commissioner-ship will not be lost.

I want to say a word or two about one of the organizations to which I referred yesterday, the fifth Canadian youth congress. A notice has appeared in many papers of a meeting to be held in Montreal on July 5-6-7 of the fifth Canadian youth congress in what they call the "parliament of youth". In the appeal which they make they state: Young Canada opposes the War Measures Act. It is evidently time that this organization was suppressed.

Mr. COLDWELL: Will the hon. member permit a question now, or would he prefer that I wait until he finishes?

Mr. BRUCE: I should prefer that the hon. member wait until I am through.

An hon. MEMBER: You cannot answer.

Mr. BRUCE: A couple of weeks ago the hon. member for North Battleford (Mrs. Nielsen) asked whether a raid had taken place on the offices of the Montreal youth council. I wonder whether the hon. member is aware of the fact that this youth council is affiliated with the Canadian youth congress, that the latter is dominated by the young communist league, and that in the background is the communist party of Canada, which the Minister of Justice has declared illegal. The publication called the *New Advance* is the official organ of the young communist league. In its last issue the statement is made that they have sent out five hundred thousand copies of a questionnaire in which they oppose the War Measures Act, all of which is evidently done for the purpose of sabotaging Canada's war effort among the youth of the country. May I suggest that some action be taken against the active officers of the young communist league, and especially the editorial and advisory board of the *New Advance*. May I suggest, too, that the government take immediate steps to notify those in authority that the proposed meeting of the Canadian youth congress in Montreal shall not be held.

May I conclude by quoting an article written by Walter Lippmann a couple of days ago:

The allies are where they are because they would not take seriously the danger which threatened them, and because they underestimated what needed to be done, and because they shrank until it was too late from the hard but indispensable measures that were obviously necessary. There is no hysteria but only elementary common sense in saying that a policy of too much and too soon, if that is any longer conceivable, is infinitely preferable to a policy of too late and too little.

Mr. SLAGHT: Before the hon. member takes his seat will he permit me to submit to him a question which I deferred yesterday at his request? In fact there are three short questions, and I have sent him copies so that there may be no confusion in his mind.

The first is this: In view of the hon. member's suggested knowledge has the hon. member personally, since the war began, filed with the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe), or with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who are the proper authorities to receive it, the name of any person suspected of subversive activities?

The second question: Is the hon. member prepared to state on his responsibility in this house as the member for the constituency of Parkdale, that any case of suspected subversive activities—

Mr. MacNICOL: The house is not in committee.

Mr. SLAGHT: —reported by him either to the Minister of Justice or to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or by any responsible person, has not been properly investigated?

The third question: Is the hon. member aware that public criticism, unsupported by facts, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force, regarding the performance of their duties, is a definite attempt to destroy the confidence of the people of Canada—

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): This is a speech.

Mr. SLAGHT: —in an important branch of his majesty's service and tends to bring aid and comfort to the enemies of Canada?

Mr. McGREGOR: Free speech.

Mr. THORSON: And is a form of sabotage.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): This will be a second speech.

Mr. BRUCE: I think I might claim the right to reply on another day to the various questions which have been submitted by the hon. member.

Mr. POULIOT: Six months' hoist.