

all countries are arming for defence. Great Britain is arming for defence. The United States is arming for defence; Russia is arming for defence. Do not let us forget that following the discussion in the House of Commons in England yesterday with reference to their armament program, a man prominent in navy circles in the United States made the statement that in view of the increasing expenditure on arms in Great Britain the United States might also have to increase her armaments.

Mr. FINN: But the president did not say that.

Mr. MacINNIS: The president will be guided by his advisers, and this gentleman was one of his advisers.

Mr. FINN: What was his name?

Mr. MacINNIS: He was a rear admiral of the navy. I can give my hon. friend all the information he wants. I am referring to Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations, who made this statement, as quoted in the press:

It is a fair presumption that if any other power expands its fleet the United States may find it necessary to do likewise.

This is the traditional policy of the United States, to maintain a navy second to none, which means that the United States navy must not be second to the British navy, regardless of our friendly relations. As I was saying, all the countries are arming for defence. Germany is arming for defence; Hitler says Germany is arming for the defence of the German people and their right to live. In a book I read recently the statement was made that Great Britain never engaged in a war of aggression, that all her wars were wars of defence. The author pointed out, however, that strange as it may appear Great Britain has come out of every war with increased territory and usually with a great deal of other booty as well.

Mr. FINN: Do you believe that?

Mr. HEAPS: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The hon. gentleman has done nothing but interrupt the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr MacInnis) since he began to speak, and the hon. member for Halifax has not once risen to his feet in order to express his interruptions properly. If the debates of this house are to continue along this line we will never get any business done at all. For the past half hour the hon. member has been in his seat and has done nothing but mumble and interrupt the hon. member who has the floor, and I say he ought to be reprov'd.

[Mr. MacInnis.]

Mr. FINN: What are you doing?

Mr. HEAPS: I will ask you to see, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member who has the floor gets an opportunity to speak, as is the right of every hon. member.

Mr. SPEAKER: When the hon. member for Halifax said a few words, he did not speak very loudly. I thought the hon. member who is now speaking did not mind it very much, because he did not ask that the member who was interrupting be called to order.

Mr. MacINNIS: We are told, then, that we are not committed to taking part in any trouble overseas. That may be true at this time, but let us bear in mind that Great Britain is not actively engaged in war at the moment. As the law now stands the governor in council may send the militia anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada, for our defence. In this connection may I briefly refer to the militia act.

In the event of an emergency which section 2 (b) of the act defines as war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, section 64 empowers the governor in council to place the militia or any part thereof, on active service anywhere in Canada, and also beyond Canada, for the defence thereof, at any time when it appears advisable so to do by reason of an emergency.

The emergency, if there is one, lies with the governor in council to determine. Before we know it, if we have armies and war equipment, they will be sent wherever they are needed. Speaking in the British House of Commons yesterday Mr. Neville Chamberlain said:

So far as the dominions are concerned, it is not the intention to call upon the dominions to make any contribution to a common fund. The dominions, as a matter of fact, have spent a great deal of money—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Time.

Mr. MacINNIS: May I finish reading this?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Yes, let the hon. member finish.

Mr. MacINNIS: I shall continue:

The dominions, as a matter of fact, have spent a great deal of money upon perfecting or improving their own defences, and that is their contribution to the common fund, but there is no other form of contribution, of which I am aware, under discussion at the present time.

So, you see there is a common fund to which the dominions contribute.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I ask the hon. member a question? I did not like to interrupt him when he was speaking. He