

Hon. Mr. Reid: That may well be true. I just wish to call the attention of the house to the fact that Russia has used other people to fight her battles, and that if we are going to be practical we should give consideration to the re-arming of Germany and perhaps of Japan. Korea has a population of 30 million, and I do not think our small nation of 14 million should be asked to send manpower in numbers comparable to those which Korea is capable of supplying. We should assist in training and equipping Southern Korea's millions to fight for their own land.

I should like to have heard the honourable opposition leader give some credit to the Royal Canadian Air Force for its service to Korea thus far. The American people are now paying tribute to the personnel of the R.C.A.F., who are performing the astounding feat of providing an airlift over the Aleutian Islands to Japan and thence into Korea. This operation is, as I say, now receiving full credit from people of the United States. The efficiency of our airmen over this perilous route astounds them, hence their admiration.

My main purpose in rising at this time is to express an opinion as to the likely outcome of the Korean affair. One of the best ways of gaining perspective is by reading history. Men who follow a military career are or should be, required to read the history of battles from the early days up to the present time. The basic strategy of fighting or of battles has not changed much because mankind has not changed. Therefore, a military commander familiar with the history of the past has some idea of what he may expect in battle today. My opinion is that Russia knows what she is doing, and that her delegate was deliberately absent from the meeting of the United Nations when the question of Korean aggression came up. I say that Russia knew full well that her veto could stop any official resistance by the United Nations in Korea. In the light of all the circumstances I am not sure that Russia will allow the United Nations to win in South Korea. As I have said before, Russia wants Korea, and always has; it is part of her imperialistic plan. She is not going to be accused of starting the war, but in my opinion she has set a trap into which the western nations have fallen.

I appeal to honourable senators and the country as a whole to stop talking, before it is too late, about such things as an extra cent on the cost of a bottle of pop or a chocolate bar. In my opinion the Western World is faced with its greatest crisis—that of the tremendous might of the most ruthless nation on earth. Russia knows where she is going, and intends, if possible, to get there. I am afraid that this beginning in Korea is just what Russia wants, and that she is not

going to sit idly by and watch Korea taken from under her. In her vast imperialistic march, which she carries on under the name of Stalinism or communism, she needs Korea. Honourable senators, as I said the other day, when the inside story is told it will be realized that Canada's part in Korea compares favourably with that played by any other nation. It is true that Great Britain has despatched troops to Korea, but those troops were available in Hong Kong. Canada is not far behind. I disagree with the opinion which exists in some quarters of the other place that Canada, with only 14 million people, should drain her manpower by sending troops to every trouble spot in the world. I think we should assist these other countries to arm, so that they can help fight their own battles. We can and should, of course, help them with our manpower too. We should also use our great industrial might to this end.

Hon. Mr. Horner: May I ask the honourable senator what responsibility Canada has assumed under the Atlantic Pact?

Hon. Mr. Reid: Canada has assumed her duties just the same as other members of the Atlantic Pact. Where has she fallen down?

Hon. Mr. Horner: Right here.

Hon. Mr. Reid: That is your opinion, not mine.

Hon. Mr. R. B. Horner: Honourable senators, I hesitate to say anything at this time, but it is the duty, and indeed the privilege, of those of us in this chamber to express our opinions on these important matters. At the outset let me say that I am expressing my own opinions.

The honourable senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) has pointed out the seriousness of the Korean situation. Honourable members will recall that when we were discussing the raising of armed forces to fight under the United Nations flag, I asked how those forces were to be raised. It is my humble opinion that if we are to be associated with the United States in the North Atlantic Pact, we should adopt a draft system similar to theirs. In fact, I think all nations who are members of the Atlantic Pact should adopt a draft system to raise their part of a United Nations force. It has always been my opinion that conscription is the only fair method by which to raise an army.

Those who are now volunteering for the Canadian forces are not signing up just for the duration of the Korean emergency. They are liable for service until the expiration of one year after the emergency has ceased to exist. The parents of our eighteen, nineteen and twenty-year old youths must surely