

Supply—National Revenue

Mr. Ricard: Where are the others?

The Deputy Chairman: Order.

Mr. Herridge: I cannot hear the hon. gentleman at this distance. This expresses the opinion of many people in various walks of life. That is why I read it.

Mr. Grafftey: Your's or the old party's?

Mr. Jones: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the hon. member a question? A little while ago I asked him what party it was that had moved the resolution of which he has spoken and he replied in general terms. Again I ask the hon. member this question. This is something we would like to know. What is the hon. member quoting from?

Mr. Herridge: I misheard what the hon. member said the first time. This is a resolution passed at the annual provincial convention of the C.C.F. held in Edmonton recently.

Mr. Benidickson: By telephone?

Mr. Jones: The C.C.F. of Alberta?

Mr. Herridge: Yes. I will give a few illustrations to show how widespread the opposition is.

Mr. Grafftey: Oh yes, please do.

Mr. Herridge: The following letter was written to me by the president of the Trail and district smelter workers' union:

At this time I am writing on a matter of great concern to our membership.

The membership consists of between 3,000 and 4,000 people. I continue:

The last few days has shown another surge in Moral Re-Armament propaganda in our local public press. We have no reason to oppose legitimate paid ads in any paper, however, we find that at the bottom corner of the page all donations to Moral Re-Armament are deductible for income tax purposes.

It is our position that since Dr. Frank Buchman has taken it upon himself to organize such a thing and no legitimate trade union has backed such a move and that all these donations are from big business, who are forced to deal with the workers, that tax evasion through such an organization is the ultimate end. Therefore, whether or not we like it we are paying for something that is against trade unions and all working people in particular.

A motion passed last night at our regular membership meeting—where there was a good cross-representation, political-wise—has directed me to urge you to question this in the house at the first opportunity that may arise.

I replied that I would bring it to the attention of the minister and the committee. I have another letter from the united automobile workers political action department in Toronto which states in part:

Don Houston in an issue of UAW ammunition a few years ago described M.R.A. as designed to "relieve the individual of all responsibility for solving economic and political problems and that God alone could solve such problems—M.R.A. not

only relieves the conscience of political and business leaders, but it provides security for them at the same time. By diverting support from programs which would try to solve such man-made problems as unemployment, M.R.A. gains support from industrialists."

An hon. Member: What a tiresome old bore.

Mr. Herridge: It goes on to state:

Buchman's association with German nazi leaders in the thirties is commonly known. The *World-Telegram* of New York carried stories of Buchman's activities with such headlines as "Fascist World Rule by God, Buchman Idea" and quotes Buchman as saying, "I thank heaven for a man like Adolph Hitler—through such a man God could control a nation overnight and solve every last bewildering problem—they (social problems) could be solved through a God-controlled fascist dictatorship."

A. P. Herbert, a British M.P., is quoted in the House of Commons debates, September 7, 1941 as saying the technique and language of Buchman's group is strikingly similar to that of the nazis; that everything done against them is persecution but "they can ride roughshod over the feelings of everybody in the name of God."

Church spokesmen condemning M.R.A. include representatives of both Catholic and Protestant churches. Buchman has never divulged the source of his income which is estimated to be at least \$2 million a year. Labour people have every reason to be more than suspicious of M.R.A.

Mr. Grafftey: Mr. Chairman, surely the hon. gentleman has read enough.

Mr. Herridge: I have another one from the oil, chemical and atomic workers international union. The concluding paragraph states:

What I would like to know is, how in the world a contribution to this scabby outfit entitles a person to deduct same from income tax. In no way can we call upon them to provide us with a financial statement; the labour movement has tried. In no way are they a charitable organization: it would appear to me that they are a capitalist front for a war mongering crew.

If you have any information on this, would you please let me know.

I have a number of others but I will not take time to read them. However, I want to give a cross-section of opinion. There is a strong feeling about this in our group and in the trade union movement in Canada.

You find many articles in the paper on this subject. One written by Jack Scott, columnist for the *Vancouver Sun* is of interest and is very critical of M.R.A.

Mr. Grafftey: We have had enough letters.

Mr. Herridge: However, I will not read it. I have another article entitled "Moral Re-Armament—friend or foe" which was sent to me a few days ago which is very critical of M.R.A. Recently the *Toronto Star* carried an article by Pierre Burton which states in part:

No Cultural Changes—Peaceful co-existence is part of the party line. Anybody who advocates neutrality or pacifism is a partyliner (i.e. a communist). If you believe red China ought to be