

South, when they requested that the government keep faith with their proposition that we should be asked during these ten days to deal with orders in council only.

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, much of what I was going to say this evening has already been said by my leader, the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan (Mr. Coldwell). Consequently my remarks, like those of many of the other hon. members who have spoken tonight, will be brief. I think the most that can be said for this bill is that it is a very small attempt at solving a very big problem. What is, I suppose, disturbing the members from British Columbia, and which has shown the extent of the entente between the Liberals and the Conservatives from that province, is the repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act. However, I am not at all surprised at this good feeling and agreement. It is general in British Columbia and, under the circumstances existing, it has to be.

The repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act is something that had to be done. As has been pointed out already, Canada is a member of the united nations organization; we have put our signature to the united nations charter, and if it does nothing else that obligates us to one thing; that is, to avoid racial discrimination. In order to put ourselves in the clear, in my opinion we have two alternatives: we can resign from the united nations organization, or we can remove the existing discrimination. But the removal of the discrimination does not imply that we are compelled to allow every Chinese who so wishes to come here. How they shall come is a matter within our control. That is one of the things wrong in this bill; it does not state the basis on which they may come to Canada. We do not know the basis on which the people of any nation may come here. If then we are going to avoid racial discrimination in our treatment of the Chinese those who do come here must be allowed to come on the same basis as the people of other countries. In the main, that is what is wrong with the repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act. It leaves a void, and we should have something which would make clear exactly where we stand.

Two or three times during this debate it was suggested that someone or some persons, I do not know who they are, wanted to flood this country with immigrants. I do not think any person in his senses would advocate any such policy. Certainly the members of this group are not advocating it now and never did. But we do advocate equal treatment for every person in this country, regardless of race, creed,

colour or any other consideration. I noticed that the hon. member for Vancouver North (Mr. Sinclair) mentioned that now the franchise will be granted to the Chinese in British Columbia; someone else mentioned the East Indians. They have come to the conclusion that this is the proper thing to do. Yet the party to which I belong and I personally have been vilified all across Canada for advocating that very thing. If it is sound policy today it was sound policy yesterday. I have in my hand some of the literature issued by the Liberal party during the 1935 election campaign in British Columbia. It is so filthy, so vile that I do not think it could be put on the records of this house.

An hon. MEMBER: Oh, read it.

Mr. MacINNIS: I am going to read one of the best paragraphs, one of the cleanest. At a meeting during the 1945 campaign in the constituency of the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green), not only were they going to send the Japanese back to Japan; they were going to send me, too.

Mr. GREEN: I didn't say that.

Mr. MacINNIS: No, but you did not protest when your friend on the platform, supporting you, said it.

Mr. GREEN: I like you too much for that.

Mr. MacINNIS: You did not like me well enough to stand up then and say so.

Mr. GREEN: That was not said in my presence.

Mr. MacINNIS: That paragraph reads:

Mr. Woodworth, the leader of the C.C.F. party in Canada, had the effrontery and heathenism to announce in the Canadian parliament on the 22nd day of June last year—

That would be in 1934.

—that it was the policy of the C.C.F. party to grant the franchise to the orientals of this province and he gloried in it. Such a man and such a party should be sharply reprimanded by the electorate of British Columbia and shown that further favourable consideration of orientals out here will not be tolerated. The only way to reprimand these C.C.F. candidates is by refusing to vote for them, and then they will realize that we British Columbians are still free, white and twenty-one, and do not intend to be the slaves of any yellow race.

This afternoon the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Reid) referred to the fact that in British Columbia they always considered the Chinese superior to the Japanese. It just depended on which country was the more powerful, Japan or China. When Japan is the more powerful country we are kinder to the Japanese. When China is the favoured country the Chinese are the best people.