

*North Atlantic Treaty*

**Mr. Blackmore:** If a person has not the right to read a quotation from his own speech I think his rights are pretty well gone.

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** He cannot discuss the same question twice.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The principle of the bill is contained in the schedule at the end of the bill. It is an act to implement the agreement between the parties to the North Atlantic treaty regarding the status of their forces, signed on the 19th day of June, 1951. There is the principle of the bill, and I would ask the hon. member to confine his remarks to the agreement.

**Mr. Blackmore:** Mr. Speaker, I gather from what has been said that the objection largely arises from the fact that I was going to read a quotation from my speech on November 12, but I will endeavour to do exactly as you suggest. I have no desire to be out of order, but I believe this message is one that should be delivered at this time in the House of Commons of Canada. I suggest, as I said a minute ago, that what I said in the paragraph I was about to read on page 921 of *Hansard* concerning the kind of credits we should advance to Great Britain should stand. I support exactly what I said then, every word of it. In making this proposal for credits to Great Britain, may I remind Canadians that if and when Britain approaches America for aid, Britain will not be coming as a poor relation, one who has shown lack of diligence in earning or of thrift in spending wealth. Britain has amply provided the United States and Canada with far, far more than we can ever pay back.

May I revert to the matter of the quantities of goods and services Great Britain produced and threw without stint and almost without limit into world war II? I suggest that hon. members read a publication entitled, "What Britain Has Done, 1939-1945", issued by the British ministry of information on May 9, 1945. If I could have the consent of the house to put them on *Hansard*, I would not burden hon. members by reading the passages I have in mind. I wish to read three relatively short excerpts from this pamphlet, and if I have the permission of the house to put them on the record I will not read them now.

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** Again may we know whether these excerpts will relate to the bill?

**Mr. Blackmore:** They will relate to the part that Great Britain played in world war II and will clearly indicate that unless Great Britain is enabled to participate in world war

III now coming up as effectively as she did in world war II, there is not much use expecting NATO to be of any help.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Mr. Fournier (Hull):** The hon. member having explained it in the way that he has, I do not think we can agree to these excerpts being put on *Hansard* if they have no relation to the bill under discussion. I know my hon. friend wants to be in order at all times, and perhaps the suggestion at this time will be well received. I have no objection to all these nice speeches. I enjoy them very much when they are related to the question under debate.

**Mr. Blackmore:** I will bow to the minister. I will merely say that the passages I desired to quote are found on page 38 of the publication to which I have referred, dealing with what Great Britain did for Russia, on page 39 dealing with what Great Britain did for China, and on page 36 dealing with what Great Britain did for the United States. I am sure there will be people in the country who will desire to read those quotations and judge as to the justification for Great Britain approaching Canada and the United States for additional material aid if and when she approaches us for such aid.

Canadian and United States citizens must soon make a decision as to whether or not they desire to win the struggle for freedom or whether they are more concerned about wrecking Great Britain, the foremost bulwark of freedom. With that suggestion to them, may I urge once more that there just is no use at all of our considering bills like the one before us today until we have the means provided whereby we can make NATO a working success. If we do not provide the means for Great Britain and NATO to succeed all of these measures are simply foolish childishness. With that, Mr. Speaker, I bow to your ruling. If I get the opportunity some time I will put more of this information on the record. I am sure it is beneficial for all North Americans to have this information now, when there still is time.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

**BILLS OF EXCHANGE ACT****AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO CLOSING OF BANKS ON SATURDAYS**

**Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Finance)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 19, to amend the Bills of Exchange Act.

**Mr. Green:** May we have a statement, please?