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has an important part to play and that international communism is perhaps not the answer to all the world's ills.

I think some of the policies followed by the United States have not been given full credit. For instance, the Marshall Plan, stripped of its political aspects, and no doubt there were a few, was one of the most generous acts of mankind in the history of this planet. Unless sovereign states are willing to see another side of the question and accept this type of overture, it will be difficult to reach the final stage which Tennyson foresaw 120 years ago when he said he looked forward to the day when we furled the battle flags in the confederation of the world.

I am not a world federalist in any formal sense, but I do think every nation should be prepared to give up some of its sovereignty. I agree with my hon. friend from Prince Edward Island when he said this sacred cow must be stripped of its garland. Let us not kill the cow, because we need milk; but I am against the sacred cow. If by taking a lead through giving up a small portion of her sovereignty Canada could set an example to smaller nations on the one hand, and to larger nations on the other, it would show we were willing to give up a chest-thumping approach in the broader interests of mankind. I think the motion put forward today might well be a milestone in the progress of mankind.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, technically, I supported the motion because it derived from a much valid concept and because I wanted to give the House the opportunity of discussing it, through the initiative of the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand), although I have serious reservations about the feasibility of what this motion proposes.

Naturally, I would need more than two minutes, the time left before the dinner recess, to explain those reservations. However, I can say that Canada made it a point of honour, at the last session of the UN, to wage a public fight, which was started by the minister when he visited New York last September, in order to get the Organization to work more efficiently.

Canada took three steps during the last session. In the first place, it advocated improvement in research. It is a known fact that the UN is flooded with all kinds of

reports, which curtails its effectiveness. In addition, as for conferences and meetings, the Secretariat organized in 1960 for the Assembly in New York and in Geneva; 2,070 meetings; in 1967, there were 5,400 meetings that is twice as many, and in 1969, 6,400. It is obvious that at the rate those people meet to discuss various problems, it is impossible for them to be efficient.

In connection with methods and procedures, we have noted, for example, that assignments are badly distributed; for example, the special committee on policy met 46 times during the last session, while the committee on social policy met 93 times. The question of apartheid was raised in three committees. We suggested the establishment of a three-member committee to discuss work organization in the United Nations, the efficiency of the existing committees, the procedure and the making up of the agenda, etc.

Those three resolutions were passed by the General Assembly.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. The hour appointed for the consideration of private members' business having expired, I do now leave the Chair until 8 p.m.

[*English*]

At six o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**EXPROPRIATION**

ACQUISITION AND ABANDONMENT OF LAND, APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICERS, ETC.

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-136, respecting the expropriation of land, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Knowles, Winnipeg North Centre (for Mr. Brewin) moved:

That Bill C-136, an act respecting the expropriation of land be amended by adding at the end of subsection (1) of section 23 thereof the following: "so that each owner shall receive full and fair compensation for the expropriation".

He said: Mr. Speaker, I made the remark this afternoon when we were debating motion No. 2 that there is such a thing as getting