

There is *Foreign Affairs*. We have been asked by the Leader of the Government, and quite properly so, to give more attention to foreign affairs, and yet from the shelves of our Reading Room there has been removed in the past two weeks *Foreign Affairs*. Who are its editors? Mr. McGeorge Bundy, one of the advisers of President Truman, and Mr. Kissinger, who has just been drafted by President Nixon to assist him in foreign affairs. *Foreign Affairs* is perhaps the most authoritative journal in the world or in North America regarding foreign matters and which in fact, gives a great deal of attention to the external policies of Canada. In fact, in its last edition there was a most enlightening article on Canada by a very distinguished Canadian. That is not all. *Harper's* magazine, one of the oldest and most respected journals in North America has been removed. *The Guardian* of Manchester, the bible of liberalism all over the world has been taken, and *The Nation*, founded by the famous E. L. Godkin, one of the great American editors. *The New Republic* has been removed. Can you imagine intelligent people engaged in public affairs, regardless of the political philosophies they may have, not studying *The Nation* or the *New Republic*?

The *New Statesman*, that brilliant organ of leftwing liberalism, and leftwing Fabianism, if you like, in Britain—it has been removed.

The New York *Sunday Times*, which somebody said last year, and I think with great truth, is perhaps the greatest university in the United States when it comes to educating the American people on the realities of life—and political life, too—has been removed.

We are all admonished often in this Chamber to think more of the Commonwealth, and rightly—and here is the *Round Table*, established more than a half century ago by Mr. Lionel Curtis—the bible of all those in the English-speaking world who really believed in the Commonwealth, containing informative articles month after month. It too has been taken down from the shelves of the Senate and has vanished.

The *Spectator*, one of the most respectable of English intellectual journals, has been taken down and cast away. The *Wall Street Journal*—not merely a financial newspaper but a great newspaper, with its editorials, I think the best published in the English speaking world—it has been thrown aside.

And what has been left? We have the *Chatelaine*, for the senators, and *Time* magazine of course, and Mr. Luce's *Life*. They are all there.

Six American magazines have been left, and they the least important, and five Canadian magazines, not too important, in my judgment.

I say, sir, that this is a piece of outrageous vandalism, that persons should go to the Reading Room of a house such as this and cast out the papers and the magazines I have mentioned here.

But more than that. Where is the *Queen's Journal*? Where is the *Canadian Historical Review*? Where is the *Dalhousie Review*? These—the few papers that remain in Canada giving intelligent discussion of public affairs—are all taken away and have vanished. And we are left with what—the *Reader's Digest* and *Chatelaine*!

This, sir, I say is an outrage against the members of the Senate. I do not know who authorized this, but I do suggest—and I will make a motion on it if it is necessary—that the committee which authorized this outrage should be called back and made to reconsider their decision. This is the least that should be done.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. O'Leary (Carleton): Honourable senators, I mentioned this to certain senators, when I found out about it, and they said, "Well, we have access to the Reading Room of the House of Commons."

Actually, I know the Reading Room of the House of Commons, I have known it for fifty years, and it never at any time compared with the Reading Room of the Senate. The Reading Room of the Senate was a reflection of the intelligence and public interest of this house.

To think that this should happen today, and that the happening should be at the whim, if you like, of a senator or two senators or three senators, is not good enough.

Respectively, I demand that you, sir, take occasion to see just what happened there, and why it happened, and who made it happen. I am in favour of a place of rest and refreshment. But, sir, I am in favour of intellectual sustenance and refreshment, too. For myself I could be much happier with a glass of Black Label in my hand, if I had a good magazine as well.

Hon. Paul Martin: Honourable senators, I shall direct the remarks of the honourable senator at once to the Chairman of the Internal Economy Committee, who is absent this evening because he is ill.