

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** I thank my honourable friend for his suggestion, and later I shall move that the house adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble after the committee arises. At that time it may be possible for me to advise honourable senators about our future sittings.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Haig was agreed to, and the debate was adjourned.

### CANADIAN BROADCASTING BILL

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENT—CONSIDERATION POSTPONED

On the order:

Consideration of the amendment made by the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce to the Bill 17, an Act to amend The Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936.

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen:** Honourable senators, may I suggest that this order stand for consideration until later today?

The order stands.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Mr. Robertson:** I move, honourable senators, that the house adjourn during pleasure to reassemble at the call of the bell at approximately 4 o'clock or later.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 4 p.m. the sitting was resumed.

### NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY

#### ACCESSION OF GREECE AND TURKEY

The Senate resumed from this morning the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Senator Robertson:

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Houses of Parliament do approve the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the accession of Greece and Turkey, signed by Canada at London on October 17, 1951, and that this House do approve the same.

**Hon. John T. Haig:** Honourable members, it would certainly be an anti-climax if I were to address myself at any length to this subject after the very happy hour or so we spent this afternoon listening to the Minister of External Affairs. It was a very pleasant experience, and the minister's speech gave me, and I hope everyone else who was present, a fund of information about NATO and its relation to the affairs of western Europe.

I do not wish to do anything to dull the impression which the minister's statement made upon our minds. He gave reasons for a conclusion at which a good many of us had already arrived, that NATO, by the very nature of its organization, is a more effective

agency than UNO for the prevention of aggression. He also explained, in answer to questions asked by two or three honourable senators, that Canada, among other nations, through its government and parliament, will have the power of deciding what action she will take; and occasions for making such decision will probably arise over and over again in the years to come. For what it is worth, it is my opinion that we are not now in a position to judge of the developments or the obligations which will occur in future, for nobody can foresee what turn world events will take. If any of us had been told in 1939, when Their Majesties the King and Queen were visiting Canada, that by 1951 or 1952 Canada would have membership in an organization like the United Nations, much less NATO, we would have scouted the idea as beyond belief.

I approve this protocol; I endorse it; and I take this opportunity personally to thank the Secretary of State for External Affairs for the very able statement he gave us. There was no attempt to evade questions, and I personally learned a great deal from what he told us.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. L. M. Gouin:** Honourable senators, I am sure we shall all join with the leader of the opposition (Hon. Mr. Haig), in the very complimentary remarks which he just made and I wish to thank him for the suggestion he made this morning that our Secretary for External Affairs should appear before the Senate Committee on External Relations. The reference of the resolution to that committee enabled us to obtain a very interesting and illuminating explanation from the minister. His appearance was purely for explanatory purposes, and no report by or on behalf of the committee is required. We were not called upon to adopt any resolution, we were given the opportunity to hear a report, and I repeat, a very interesting report, concerning the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the admission to it of two additional members.

I think that for the sake of the public at large, and especially for those members of this house who did not have the opportunity to attend our meeting, it would be in order for me to make a few comments concerning the effect of the protocol. At the conference of NATO which was held in Ottawa it was decided to invite Greece and Turkey to become members of the organization. Who took the initiative in this move I do not know, but my impression is that it came from both sides, and resulted from the plan of containment which was adopted some years ago. The protocol, which has already been signed by the twelve present members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, extends, as