

We cannot do that in the House of Commons; our rules and procedures are not quite so flexible. I do point out that this organization has gone through crisis after crisis, and I believe that it will continue to do so and that it will continue to grow, because without the United Nations our civilization would probably revert to savagery.

Another feature of the world situation today is the large number of new nations emerging on the scene. You know, I think it is a good thing for Canadians to see some of the bright sides of the world picture and not be concentrating only on the scare headlines. Today we have self-government spreading in the world at a rate which was never even imagined a few years ago. I was looking at a map of Africa this morning and counting up the sovereign states in that key continent. I think the number is 28. I may be out one or two because the maps are not always kept up to date, but a new nation is emerging at midnight tonight, namely Sierra Leone. It will not be very long until there are other new nations taking their place in the world from that continent of Africa.

These are some of the bright spots in the world picture.

#### Uneasy Coexistence

There are, of course, some which are not so bright. One of those is that we are living in days of an uneasy coexistence, with the Communist world on one side and the so-called Western world on the other. I hasten to add that I do not believe any honest person can question the fact that the Western grouping was formed as a defensive unit. It was not formed with the purpose of taking away anything from anybody, from the Communist world or from anyone else; it was formed as a defensive grouping, and we should always keep that fact in mind.

In these two groups there are a comparatively small number of nations. The vast number of nations in the world today are in between. For example, practically all those nations on the Continent of Africa are not committed to one side or the other. In fact one of their main purposes is to refuse to be committed either way. They want no part whatever of the cold war. They have too many problems of their own, building up their own nations, training the necessary leaders and all that sort of thing, to have any time for getting mixed up in the cold war; this is a fact which Canadians should remember.

#### Overwhelming Destructive Power

Another dark spot in the world picture is that at the present time, the age in which we live, there is overwhelming destructive power. When you recall that the Soviet can hurl a missile with an atomic warhead 7,000 or 8,000 miles and land that missile within a mile of the target, and when you recall at the same time