

assertion that he would employ his usual good taste and discretion about the revelations Gouzenko might, or might not, make.

Now, this is all by way of a preliminary. These are the facts about this sudden and, by our standards, violent outburst of public opinion, and I would like to add to them the comment of a more or less impartial observer of the situation, Mr. D. W. Brogan, who, writing about the whole episode to the London Spectator, had this to say, and I don't think he exaggerates. Here is what he said:

"The last, and, probably, most disastrous result of the White revival has been the repercussions in Canada. Here certain preliminary remarks are necessary. Most Americans know very little about Canada except, possibly, that the Canadian dollar is at a premium. Many think that Canada pays 'tribute' to Britain. (It is not long since an Illinois Congressman suggested that England 'transfer' Canada in payment of war debts, lease lend, etc.) Many think that the real centre of Canadian authority is in London (England), not Ottawa. Martin Chuzzlewit is not yet totally out of date. How many people in this country realize that the Chicago Tribune tower not only houses a newspaper, but serves as an elevated rampart from which Colonel McCormick can watch and give warning of redcoats coming from Ontario to burn Fort Dearborn all over again."

"It is not unlikely that Senator Jenner has as little knowledge of the realities of Canadian government as he has of the nature of international relations. Inducing the Secretary of State to act as a post-office for increasingly impudent demands on a sovereign state has been one of Senator Jenner's most disastrous triumphs. The Canadians, who may well think that they handled their spy troubles with more skill and success than either the Americans or English and who have at least as much confidence in the 'Mounties' as in the FBI and have already some serious causes of irritation with the policy or non-policy of the United States are not amused."

"Senator Jenner's assumption that a foreign government has any obligations to a committee of either house of Congress (a body of which it has no official cognisance) is only equalled by his assurance that any secrets confided will be kept, although his committee leaks like a badly-patched inner tube. I spent a few days in Canada very recently and that normally phlegmatic people were already developing what Americans call a "slow burn". After all, Canadians of all parties think that they have a real government. Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Pearson are members of a government that has adequate authority to serve the country. Should they do much, or anything, to please whoever is at the moment on top in the Washington version of an all-in wrestling bout? No, a hundred times no! (The Canadians are given to under-statement)."

"And as for their views on the general situation? They can, I think, be summed up in a famous American story. A lone cowboy is riding across the lone prairie when he comes to a single-track railway down which two express trains are dashing at full speed towards each other. He thinks a moment and, addressing his faithful