

HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Address—Mr. Low

interests of all of us I think it is essential that we Canadians—and I include myself—take a right good look at the whole picture, even if that picture proves to be an ugly one.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

Mr. Low: Mr. Speaker, before the dinner recess I had referred to the fact that the speech from the throne mentioned the government's conviction that the increased menace in the Far East reinforces the mounting evidence that communist imperialism is determined to dominate the world by war or fear of war, and that the only hope of maintaining peace with freedom lies in the rapid increase of the combined strength of the free nations. Let me tell the government and this house that for the past fifteen years we Social Crediters have been convinced that communist imperialism was determined to dominate the world by force. We have been saying so in the plainest possible language for all of that time. In addition we have stated publicly on numerous occasions that we believed evil and perfidious men, many of whom were posing as our best friends, were devising communist imperialism and installing it in various countries as a definite policy for taking over economies and enslaving men simply to satisfy their own power hunger. We have not yet seen or heard anything that would cause us to change our minds in that regard. The blueprint has been there all along, and it has been clearly legible so that anybody could see and read it if they were interested in doing so.

Many of us are inclined to ask why it is that we are living under the shadow and the fear of war today. I think it is largely because we, the people of the world, either have been very busy sowing the seeds of war or have slept the months and years away refusing to see or to believe that some men and leaders of nations were sowing the same kind of seeds. Five years ago the United Nations organization was set up. At that time it was hailed far and wide as the great eradicator of war weeds in the gardens of the world. I was privileged to attend the session of the assembly of the United Nations in 1947, and again last autumn. I want to say to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Pearson) and to the Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent) that I was very grateful for that opportunity. I was not able to stay either time as long as I should have liked, but I was able to stay long enough to make a good many observations and, I think, to get the atmosphere pretty well.

[Mr. Low.]

I should like to mention a few of the impressions that I came away with, particularly with regard to the state of preparedness of the member nations of the United Nations organization to meet the dangers that were confronting them. I confess I became convinced that the member nations of the United Nations were very largely in a state of unpreparedness. They were unprepared to take even a look at the cost of survival, let alone to pay the price of peace. I saw at the assembly a good many sincere people who were making an obviously earnest effort to build a temple of peace, but my heart certainly sank within me when it became clear that they were trying to build their structure on foundations of sand and with rotten timbers.

The nations of the world say they want peace, and yet they persist in those practices that make peace impossible and war a certainty. In that respect they remind me of the poor fellow who was told by his doctor that he had arteriosclerosis and consequently he would have to give up smoking his usual quota of cigars if he were not to die within a matter of months instead of perhaps years. The patient said he would rather die than try to quit. It was evident to me at Lake Success that altogether too many nations still believe that might is right and they try to practise it. Too many of them still violate the rules of human decency. They continue to place a very low value upon the individual human soul and they show a callous indifference to human suffering.

I thought a good many times, amongst other things, of the plight of such people as the Puerto Ricans. They are a numerous people for such a small and poor country, and yet no other country wants to take their surplus population or to extend to them the help they need if they are to live in anything but squalor. Is it any wonder then that some of them would take extreme means to draw the attention of the world to their plight? You all know of the misguided souls who did plot and attempt to carry out the assassination of the President of the United States.

What some nations are doing to their people today is almost indescribable. Besides training as many of their citizens as they can to hate and envy, they are practising upon their youth especially the most diabolical form of indoctrination. While I was at Lake Success I had quite a long chat with the administrator of UNICEF in one of the countries behind the iron curtain. She indicated that the governments were literally unscrewing the souls of those young people and putting back into them something that makes them mere automata capable of