

branches at Calgary and Cherrhill. At Saskatoon the association's building is valued at \$50,000. Other branches are located at North Battleford and Prince Albert. The Regina branch has a building worth \$35,000, Hafford and Marlin also have branches. My honourable friend from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) will be interested to know that the federation have a building in his home city valued at \$240,000. At St. Boniface and Fort William their buildings are worth \$45,000 and \$60,000 respectively. Branches are also to be found at Port Arthur and Geraldton. A \$25,000 building is located in Sudbury. Espanola, Kirkland Lake and Timmins also have branches. In Toronto a building is now under construction, to be opened next month, worth \$340,000. There is now a building in West Toronto worth \$35,000. During the recent election campaign I spoke in their building at Oshawa, which is worth some \$35,000. St. Catharines has a building valued at \$40,000; Hamilton, \$40,000; Windsor, \$75,000; Montreal, \$85,000. There are also branches at Point Pelee, Val D'Or and Rouyn.

Mr. Caswell tells me that in 1939 the Ukrainian National Federation of Canada went all out in its support of Canada's war effort, and that it had the highest proportion of enlistments per capita of any ethnic group in Canada. Approximately 35,000 young men and women of Ukrainian origin joined various branches of the Canadian forces. I have in my hand a pamphlet entitled "Seven Presidents in Uniform". It tells the story of the Toronto Branch of the Ukrainian National Youth Federation. One after the other, seven presidents of that organization entered the Canadian Army and served in His Majesty's Forces during the last war. That is a record of which any organization may be proud.

Walter Tucker, leader of the Liberal party in the province of Saskatchewan, in writing to ask me to interest myself in this matter—although I needed no urging, for I am intensely interested in new Canadians—says:

I think you will find, if you check on the organization with the Secretary of State's Department, that it is a loyal group of people who have consistently supported our country, particularly against the communists.

I adopted his suggestion and wrote to the Secretary of State. The reply, written by Mr. V. J. Kaye for Mr. Frank Foulds, Director of the Canadian Citizenship Branch, is as follows:

Many thanks for your letter of December 17 concerning the Ukrainian National Federation. We have known Mr. Kossar for a number of years and have dealt with him both as the President of the Ukrainian National Federation (a dominion-wide organization) and as Vice-President of the over-all Ukrainian Canadian Committee, Winnipeg, Manitoba. A great many members of the federation

served with the Canadian armed forces during the last war, and I understand that Mr. Kossar is a Reserve Army man.

During our wartime association we found Mr. Kossar to be very co-operative, and the Ukrainian National Federation participated in all wartime activities. After the war the federation conducted language classes for newcomers and also Canadian citizenship classes during the summer months.

In its political outlook the federation is strongly anti-Communist; in Ukrainian matters, nationalistic. We do not see any reason why the Ukrainian National Federation should not be incorporated.

Should you need more information as to the federation, please let us know and we shall be glad to be of assistance to you.

I do not know what organization could be given a better recommendation on the facts than the Canadian National Ukrainian Federation. It has served Canada well among people whom it can and we cannot reach. I have the greatest of pleasure in asking my fellow citizens to give this bill second reading; and I do so with a whole-hearted admiration for these people.

Hon. R. B. Horner: Honourable senators, I intend to make only a few remarks. I do not believe there is anyone in this chamber or in Canada who knows these people better than I do. For some forty years I have lived among them, done business with them, sat on councils with them. However, there is one thought I have expressed to them when they were engaged in promoting various organizations of their own. It is this: "Why do you build separate halls? Let us all be together; let us all meet together. If I am excluded, I am missing something". That is a thought which occurs to me when we are asked to grant charters to special groups: we lose something when they keep to themselves. But so far as these good people are concerned I have no word of complaint, and I am not going to oppose the bill.

Let me point out here that the government, by seizing the halls of another Ukrainian group, made Communists out of many Ukrainians. This was one of the government's bigger blunders. Not content with locking their halls and leaving them unoccupied, they decided to seize and dispose of them for a fraction of what they were worth. Many Ukrainians turned in disgust against the government because of this action.

Hon. Mr. Howden: Was it the government or was it the Mounted Police that seized them?

Hon. Mr. Horner: No; the government seized them, and the government sold them, for far less than they were worth. The Mounted Police had no power to sell them. It seems to me that in this respect our Ukrainian fellow-citizens failed to receive the "human rights" to which they are entitled.