

think it was in the American ambit of influence and that any reasonable country in Russia's position would pull out of that. I think we would have been in far more trouble if it had been in Yugoslavia or Austria, or some place like that. However, it certainly pointed up to us the grave dangers, of course. You are now limiting my question to the Berlin Wall and I had in mind the whole of the NATO front, like a dike there, and what I am concerned about at the present time is pulling the finger out of that dike. It seems to me that it is our gravest concern.

Mr. Golden: In essence, I will not quarrel with any of the things that you have said.

Mr. Ryan: Mr. Golden, if you have thought about it, what would your views be in connection with Canada assisting with an anti-ballistic missile system?

Mr. Golden: Of course, as far as money is concerned, these things come very high and I have no access to this class of information. I have no knowledge about what the Americans may have proposed to Canada, if anything, nor do I know, except from what I read in the newspapers, what requirements there would be for Canadian ground stations or Canadian air space. I would be inclined to lend a sympathetic ear to a suggestion that we co-operate within our resources if, on analysis, it turned out that this was the best or the most effective way of making the American defences what they would hope them to be. I have many ifs and qualifications there because I just do not know enough about it.

Mr. Ryan: Thank you, Mr. Golden.

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Chairman, there was an article this morning in the *Globe and Mail* written by Mr. Bruce Hutchison which gives rise to a question that I would like to ask. In an interview with some unknown but, I gather, important personage in the United States whom he claims may well become a President of the United States, Mr. Hutchison quotes him as saying in respect to our possible withdrawal from NATO:

If Canada actually thinks of getting out of NATO it is an insult to my country. No, much worse than an insult. It would be a betrayal. Our people would never forgive it. And believe me they would express their hurt by means which would hurt Canada far worse than you can imagine.

I do not know if you subscribe to that view or whether that view is a proper assessment of the reaction of important people in the United States.

Mr. Golden: I do not subscribe to that view at all, and I do not believe Canada should pay any attention to views of that kind.

Mr. Cafik: You do not feel that they would express their disapproval in ways that would hurt us substantially?

Mr. Golden: I read that article this morning and I was outraged by it.

Mr. Cafik: Thank you. My second question—and I hope it is in order, Mr. Chairman, it is a matter of information more than anything else—concerns your background and your office as Deputy Minister. You were the Deputy Minister of Defence Production from 1954 until 1962. Is that correct?

Mr. Golden: That is correct.

Mr. Cafik: You were serving as President of the Northern Ontario Pipeline Corporation simultaneously with that function?

Mr. Golden: In our family that was known as my Sunday morning job.

Mr. Cafik: I see. I presume that means that you were the Deputy Minister at the time of the scrapping of the *Avro Arrow*. Is that correct?

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Mr. Golden: That is so.

Mr. Cafik: I wonder if you care to make any comments in this regard as to the advisability of that move in terms of our defence posture at that time, or even now?

Mr. Anderson: A question of order, Mr. Chairman. I do not think the *Arrow* affair, should be raised at this point. I do not think we should follow this argument.

Mr. Cafik: Why not? It would depend on whether the witness would care to answer. If he would rather not answer, that is fine.

The Chairman: Mr. Golden, if you prefer not to answer, there is no question of you having to.

Mr. Golden: I have no objection to answering. Of course I was Deputy Minister of Defence Production, but one must not overestimate the responsibilities of Deputy Minis-