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with respect to Germany. We wanted free elections in Germany and maybe we did not say it but what we meant by free elections was that a government freely elected would then be loyal to the cause of the west.

It is readily understandable why the Soviet bloc turned down that offer. I think we could very well make all Germany a buffer state that would forever be prohibited from having armaments of its own. We might follow that up by using our imagination for a change and saying to the Soviet bloc: If you people will agree to give sovereign power over the Ukraine to the United Nations we Canadians will also give our sovereign power to the United Nations.

Mention has been made of the agencies of the United Nations and how we are willing to support them. Many laudatory words have been spoken about the United Nations. I was especially happy with the speech made by the hon. member for Mount Royal (Mr. Macnaughton). I think he made one of the greatest contributions to this debate. What is our contribution to the United Nations and its agencies? We treat it as a multimillionaire attending church service treats the collection plate when he hauls out a nickel and lets it make a big noise when it falls. As a nation we are not sacrificing at all for the cause of world peace through the agencies of the United Nations. The amount of \$25 million under the Colombo plan is not a sacrifice for the Canadian people, and I think all of us here who know something of the size of our national income must admit that.

At home I think we must set our own house in order. I agree with the Secretary of State for External Affairs when he says that we must have a rededication to the faith that is in us. We must believe in the intrinsic basic sanctity of the individual. We must believe that no man has a fundamental right to be ruler over another man. That is the basis of Christianity. That is the basis of democracy. Then we must go on from political democracy to economic democracy because the other two are to a certain extent meaningless without making provision for the whole.

In view of the recent explosions of the H-bomb in the Pacific I think the time may not be too far removed when the Canadian nation and the Canadian government may turn back the pages of *Hansard* and look again at the philosophy put forward in this house by the first national leader of the C.C.F. party, Mr. J. S. Woodsworth. I think Canadians as a whole are beginning to realize that there is no solution through the

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use of armed force that will be of any use. It is admitted that a third world war will wipe out our civilization as we now know it. That fact has not yet sunk home, but I think when we really realize the significance of it we will turn back the pages and look up what J. S. Woodsworth had to say.

A lot of statements have been made which I will not call wild because they were sincerely meant. I know that every member of the house is sincere in everything that he says, but the philosophy of some of these statements seems to be that we have to be prepared to die for the things that are so dear to us. I should like to ask the house: Are we willing to die for a God who needs an H-bomb to defend Him? Are we willing to die for a political or economic system? Are these things worth blowing up the world for?

I should like to again express my pleasure at the remarks of the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Macdonnell) and I should like to add that not only the peoples of the British commonwealth but all over western Europe and Asia hundreds of millions of people will have nothing to gain by a third world war that some of our friends to the left seem to think is necessary. The people of Europe, of Great Britain and the rest of the commonwealth and of southern Asia do not want war. They are looking today for leadership to avoid war. I have said it before and I say again that these peoples say from the bottom of their hearts to the United States, which has an economic system that it seems willing to blow up the world to defend, and to the Soviet union, which has a vicious political system that it seems prepared to defend no matter what the cost: A plague on both your houses, we will have peace and prosperity.

I am fully convinced after listening to what has been said in the house that the Liberal government knows what is the right course to follow. I only hope they will have the courage of their convictions to act accordingly. Let us make the United Nations an instrument that will preserve the peace of the world. Give to the United Nations the military tools necessary but let us not sabotage it before it has begun to be effective in the world.

(Translation):

Mr. Georges Villeneuve (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I would feel remiss in my duty were I to let the current debate on external affairs come to an end without making my humble contribution and dealing particularly with two questions I deem especially important,