

Canada-U.S. Automobile Agreement

AFTER RECESS

have to wait until Congress passes this Act in the United States, and then I suppose we are going to be given an opportunity to debate it.

The New Democratic Party has seen fit to proceed with an amendment and take up the time of this House to debate this complex subject. It is a subject which will require a good deal of debate. The discussion we will have today will only scratch the surface, so I hope we will have a fuller opportunity later to debate the subject. From time to time we have asked questions about this treaty. We have received partial answers. We were supplied with copies of letters written to the Minister of Industry (Mr. Drury) by the automobile companies in Canada. We were supplied with them only after asking for them. They were not given to us by the Government of their own free will; we had to go through the formality of making a motion. Then I asked for the tabling of the correspondence between Canada and the United States on this very important subject. The Minister refused to produce this correspondence because he felt it would harm our diplomatic relationships with the United States. I feel he was hiding behind a smoke-screen when he said that. He used diplomatic reasons for keeping this information from us. I am sure he could have provided it because, while I have no proof, I feel that the information has been made available to the Members of Congress. I feel that we, as Canadian Members of Parliament, are just as much entitled to this information as they are.

I am surprised at this type of treaty being signed because it involves cross purpose legislation. We have the Minister of Finance (Mr. Gordon) going out of his way to do all possible to prohibit United States interests from taking over Canadian enterprises. We have the Minister of Industry encouraging United States ownership of plants in Canada. This is only one example of cross purpose legislation by this Government. We have had the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss LaMarsh) and the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Hays) introducing cross purposes regulations. The one provides money to grow tobacco, and the other one—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please; I have to interrupt the hon. Member, since it is six o'clock.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

The House met at 8 p.m.

PRIVILEGE

MR. LACHANCE—ALLEGED RECEIPT OF
CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM HAL BANKS

[Translation]

Mr. G. C. Lachance (Lafontaine): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal privilege regarding a certain document which was distributed to several members of the house, and particularly to the party leaders, and which is reported in an article written by Mr. Norman Simon and printed in the first page of this morning's issue of the *Toronto Telegram*.

In this article, which refers to the above-mentioned document, it is alleged that two other members of this house and myself have received electoral funds from Mr. Hal Banks, the former president of the Seafarers' International Union of Canada.

As far as I am concerned, after having checked with my electoral agent and with all those who could have had some financial responsibility in my organization during the general elections held in 1962 and 1963, I can say that this statement is untrue.

Allow me to add, Mr. Speaker, that the very fact that the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) took part in conversations with former members of the international seafarers' union, conversations on which this statement is based is enough to make this statement seem questionable and unbelievable.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if it is not time for the House of Commons to take the necessary steps to summon some newspapermen, like Mr. Norman Simon, and have them explain why they publish gossip taken from unsigned documents without having the decency to check the facts with the people concerned.

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SUPPLY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. McIlraith for Committee of Supply, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Douglas.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION UNDER
CANADA-U.S. AUTOMOBILE AGREEMENT

Mr. Hales: Before the dinner recess I explained why the party to which I belong had decided not to put forward an amendment to this supply motion. I stated our party's posi-