

U.S.S.R.-Canada Protocol

American cultural, economic and even military influences."

I remember the days of 1914 to 1917 when we were virtually alone within this empire and Commonwealth. The United States came into the war in April, 1917. If it had not come in, all of us were beginning to fear, with millions of men having died on the field of battle. And in the last war, if it had not been for the Americans coming in when they did, pressed in by reason of what happened at Pearl Harbour, we can only visualize today the darkness to our freedom. I want to know, when has there been any subservience to military influences? I want to find out when there came about a growing consciousness among Canadians of a danger to our national identity—and I refer particularly to military matters. I want to know what the Prime Minister meant when he said that this protocol will affirm Canada's independent foreign policy in the face of the overpowering presence of the United States of America.

Mr. De Bané: Hear, hear!

Mr. Diefenbaker: There is one young man, without experience, who applauds. Sir, if he can be identified, I immediately recommend him for consideration as a parliamentary secretary. What I object to is the interpretation that can be placed upon the Prime Minister's words, that we are in military danger or that we are subject to military interference from the United States. That kind of thing represents loose thinking and, what is worse, when uttered by the Prime Minister of Canada it will become the cornerstone of Communist propaganda against the United States all over the world. I had my arguments with the United States. They tried to push me around, and the Liberal party said I was anti-American because I dared to say that this country's policy should be made in Canada by Canadians.

• (3:20 p.m.)

An hon. Member: The Liberals called that criminal.

Mr. Diefenbaker: They dared say I was anti-American. But the Prime Minister has made his statement which he will regret over and over again. It will take its place among those expressions that have been uttered over the years and have had to be withdrawn.

I see my hon. friend, the member for York North (Mr. Danson), Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, over there. Since he assumed the responsibility of office he has ceased to be one of the wits of Parliament, and we miss that. Is it not a strange thing that the only Jewish member in the group that went to the U.S.S.R. was one with a diplomatic passport, the parliamentary secretary? The U.S.S.R. would not give a visa to one Jew who applied to go as a press representative. I ask, what was said over there either publicly or in whispers about the diabolical treatment now being handed out to the Jews? What about the Ukrainians and those—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. I regret having to interrupt the right hon. member, but unless he gets the unanimous consent of the House his

[Mr. Diefenbaker.]

time has expired. Does the House agree to allow the right hon. member to continue?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Som hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The Chair feels that there is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker, could we have the identification of the hon. member who does not allow me to finish the sentence concerning the Ukrainians and all the other captive peoples of whom nothing is told?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The Chair is always willing to understand the feelings of hon. members, but it should also abide by the rules.

Mr. Reid: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River (Mr. Reid) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, I think if you were to ask if there is unanimous consent to hear the right hon. gentleman, you would probably find that there is.

An hon. Member: What about the fellow over there?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

An hon. Member: He is not even in his seat.

An hon. Member: He is out of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The hon. member knows that by the rules of the House he cannot have the floor unless he sits in his place. The hon. member for Matane (Mr. De Bané).

[Translation]

Mr. De Bané: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The hon. member for Matane on a point of order.

Mr. De Bané: Mr. Speaker, I would certainly like to allow the right hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Diefenbaker) to continue, but I did not like at all his personal attack on the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Mr. Danson) and I think that this type of allegations—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The Chair cannot accept this kind of argument. The question is whether the House would now agree to the right hon. member for Prince Albert continuing his remarks. The hon. member for Matane may only state that he will not allow the right hon. gentleman to pursue his speech. I now recognize the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Nesbitt).

[English]

Some hon. Members: Shame!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Nesbitt).