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he was sympathetic to that objective he did not believe anyone would expect Canada to enter upon a war of liberation in order to accomplish it. May I say that what I am saying about the Ukraine of course applies to other countries in the same position. The Prime Minister used the following words:

A policy of liberation that would lead to a general atomic war could do no good to anybody.

In his address the other day the Leader of the Opposition also made reference to these various countries. I quote from his speech as recorded at page 3382 of *Hansard*, where he used the following words:

What of those people now behind the iron curtain to whom I have already referred; the people of Poland, the Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, China and all the nations now enslaved? Have we forgotten them? No, there is no suggestion of armed forces moving into those areas to impose the will of the free nations. There could be none.

I have nothing to indicate the official position of the Social Credit group on that point, but so far as the government and the official opposition are concerned it appears to me that neither party is prepared to advocate anything like a war of liberation to win independence for these countries behind the iron curtain. That is quite understandable when one remembers some of the speeches in the debate in this house, in the British House of Commons and at Washington. When we know what could be involved in a third world war then we know that it could mean the loss of freedom even to those who now have it in an effort to gain independence for others. A third world war with the type of weapons now in existence is unthinkable.

Therefore we have to strive to find other methods, methods perhaps not as dramatic or heroic, perhaps not as quick of attainment, but methods nevertheless by which we can show that as a nation we do believe in the principles enunciated in the Atlantic charter, in the principle of self-determination adopted by the human rights commission, and that we do believe as a basic principle that all the people of this earth have a right to live as masters of their own lives.

That is why I hope that at every opportunity which presents itself this government—perhaps I should say this nation because governments change from time to time—will be ready to do everything within its diplomatic power to help countries such as the Ukraine and others to regain their independence and become sovereign nations in their own right. Opportunities will arise. I am sometimes laughed at by people who say that the age of revolution is over. Maybe I am just one of those idealists but I am one who believes that the revolution that started in

[Mr. Zaplitny.]

Russia in 1905 is not yet over. I do believe there is enough of the spirit of freedom and desire to be free amongst the people within the borders of the Soviet union today that many of us will live to see the day when they will burst their prisons from the inside.

Perhaps in the long run that is the only way in which people can become liberated. We have seen some pretty tragic results from so-called wars of liberation in the past. I believe that the time will come when the people of the Ukraine and other nations now enslaved by the Soviet union will strike a blow for freedom. That may not be as fantastic as it sounds. With the type of weapons of war existing today it might be the only practical way in the long run by which to bring about a major change in the boundaries of those countries. Whatever the method may be by which these nations to which I have referred may find themselves in a position to take their place amongst other democratic and freedom-loving nations of the world, I hope that Canada will be aligned on the side of freedom. I hope that Canada will do everything possible from now on to bring some hope to these people and to let them know that we are with them. Much can be done in that respect.

I have mentioned one method. The international service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is another. There is a Ukrainian section which broadcasts in the Ukrainian language. I hope the minister will take the time to look into that particular section and the international service of the C.B.C. generally in order to satisfy himself that we are doing everything possible to provide hope and information for these people who are not able to communicate with us. Without going into details, I may say to the minister that from what I have seen I am not particularly satisfied that we are doing everything we can. I believe some very important improvements can be made in that particular method of communication with our friends in other countries.

I also believe that a great deal can be done by letting it be known—this does not have to be a cloak and dagger affair—to all the peoples of the world that wherever people are striving for their national independence, wherever they want to establish their freedom as nations, wherever they want to set up a democratic way of life which is being denied to them by their masters, we are on their side.

I should like to refer hon. members to an article which appeared in the March issue of *Reader's Digest*. It is entitled, "Our Secret Allies" and is written by Eugene Lyons. Time will not permit me to refer to it at