

Some years ago we concluded the Columbia River Treaty with the United States. As the power potential developed, British Columbia would have been entitled to a large amount of that power. They were given the alternative of waiting and taking the power when it became available, or accepting a cash payment and letting the power go downstream. They took the \$265 million in cash and then used part of it to pay for building the dam on the Peace River in northern British Columbia. By the time that power comes from northern British Columbia down into the industrial area near Vancouver it is going to be more expensive power than would have been the case had they kept their own power in the first place.

What are the Americans doing with the power they bought? American business is going to use it to turn wheels which were not there before the power became available—wheels which would have come to where the power was available had it been only available in Canada.

I am going to give some free advice to Mr. Bourassa, the Premier of Quebec, which he may not want. I do not think as a Canadian that he is solving our problem or his problem of getting jobs by building a \$2 billion power development in northern Quebec if he is going to sell all the power to the United States—unless he wants his people to beat a path to the end of that high line to work in the factories where the wheels are going to be turning.

What we need is government direction and policy to control the use of our raw materials, in particular our power, so that we will get the growth we ought to get.

I have much respect for the United States. Canada came into being as a nation by courtesy of the British Royal Navy. We remain an independent nation today by courtesy of the Strategic Air Command of the United States. I am most conscious of that fact. Nevertheless, that does not mean that I have to go on my knees and say, "Hear, hear!" every time an American comes along with an idea, whoever he may be. I have never seen an American yet who had any respect for a person who would be servile in his presence. On the other hand, the Americans will have more respect for us and value us more, just as we will be more valuable to ourselves, if we show them that we will be their friends—as equals, but not at any price.

Why should we just ship all of our raw resources down to the United States? Certainly, California alone has a higher population than Canada at the present time and they could use up the whole water output of the Mackenzie River. No doubt they would be quite happy if we wanted to divert the whole of the Mackenzie River into

the great Rocky Mountain trench and pump it down to them. By such a diversion all the water that now drains into the Arctic Ocean could be sent to California and Nevada. What that would do to our ecology in the north I have no idea, but there is no doubt that they could make use of that resource. From more than 50 miles north of Los Angeles right down to the Mexican border there is almost one solid city—just another monument to man's inhumanity to man.

But the challenge to us as Canadians is not to sell our resources to the Americans for their use but quietly to go on building up our own business, running our own affairs and developing our sense of responsibility to our community.

A businessman might well say, by way of justification, that he had to sell out because he had to look out for himself. There is an old saying to this effect: "If I don't look out for myself, who will look out for me?" Unfortunately, many people have only heard that part of the saying. The rest of it says, "If I look out for only myself, what good am I?"

So I say to the businessmen in Canada: "Look out for yourselves. The better you look out for yourselves the better you can look out for your neighbour, too. But don't forget that when you have looked out for yourself, unless you can look out for your neighbour too you have wasted your life. And to what avail are the riches you have built up, if you do not use them to a proper end? Even if they are put in your coffin with you, you will have no further use for them. Your immortality may rest solely in the good that your riches do after you have departed."

Well, honourable senators, the Americans are not about to attack us. I think I can assure them from this house that they need not fear that we are about to attack them. But we will be masters in our own house! We will be masters in our own house and we hope we will be good hosts! We will share with our guests whatever God makes available to us. All we ask of our guests is that they be ordinarily polite and have good manners whenever they come to live with us.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Martin: I fully anticipate that Senator Choquette will propose to speak on this subject, although perhaps not today. I look forward to what he will have to say on the subject.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Smith, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, June 1, 1971, at 8 p.m.