

and seconded by Mr. Harrington in amendment that the consideration of this matter be deferred to a later date.

**Mr. Jackman** Is it in order for me to speak?

**Mr. Chairman** It is in order for you to speak on the amendment once.

**Mr. Jackman** My point in moving this resolution was that I felt that when our delegation goes to England, it should be fully armed with all the facts regarding forms of government in Newfoundland. That is the only reason why I moved it. I am not in favour of federation with anyone. I am a Newfoundlander, and I believe in Newfoundland and Newfoundlanders, but my whole object in moving this motion was this: that when the delegation would go to England, they would be able to tell the British people that there is sentiment here in Newfoundland favouring amalgamation or federation with the United States. That is the only reason I put it, and I think it is only fair that this Convention should vote on it now, and give this delegation the full facts. What are we holding back for? I was told yesterday when I decided to bring this resolution in, "Don't do that, it is political suicide." I am not a politician, and I am not looking for anything in that respect. The only way you can classify me as a politician is that I will fight and die for the right to bring my family up as decent human beings, and my next door neighbours' children as well. If the delegation goes to England and is asked, "What is the sentiment in Newfoundland?", they can say, "Well, some want Commission government, some responsible government, and some confederation with Canada." Then they might say, "What about the United States, how do they think about that?" Now here's what I look at, by giving this resolution passage, when the Dominions Secretary asks them that question they can pass it on. There is a lot of sentiment regarding the United States. Personally I do not want to see my country put out on hock to anybody, but seeing it is going to go that way, and there are so many wishing to let it go that way, my argument is let it go to the highest bidder. I want to put myself on record, and I think there is as much British blood in me as any man in this Convention, that I admire the British people and what they fought and died for.

We have been told that if we go into confederation that we will get baby bonuses and

family allowances, and that if we go in with the Americans everything will be "hunky dory". What did Churchill tell the people in 1940? Here is what he told them, and here's what I tell the people of Newfoundland, regardless of what form of government they take up. He said, "I have only one thing to offer you — blood, sweat and tears." He did not say, "Give me your mind and let me do your thinking for you, and we will give you baby bonuses." Well, I have six children and I can figure out quickly \$48 a month — very fine. He told them blood, sweat and tears, and I tell them the same. I am used to hard times all my life, and I know what hunger is, and what it is to stand in the breadline, and what it is to wake up in the morning and wonder how in God's name are you going to raise your children up. I know all these things, and I am not looking for it from confederation with Canada or the United States or anyone else, but I am looking for it in one way only — through ourselves, and we can do it. Mr. Chairman, I am sorry if I am out of order, but I can't help it.

Now as I see it as far as our country is concerned, we are split wide open. But the people have the final choice and believe it or not the ordinary man, even if he does not know his ABCs, is pretty commonsense after all. Now we are here, sent here by our people to explore, investigate and find out what is best for Newfoundland. We have different personal ideas. My idea from the beginning is only one thing, responsible government, but it is not for me or you or anyone else to say what form of government we should have. All we can do is give our opinion, and it is up to the people to decide. But I do say this, give them the chance anyway. If I could get up with the ability of Mr. Smallwood, with his oratorical power, I would talk here for the next ten weeks if I were allowed on responsible government, but, as I was saying, it is not me or you, but what the people think. However, I think that if we are going to send delegations to Ottawa and to England why not, as many of our people want to know, why not send a delegation to the United States as well?

**Mr. Chairman** Pardon me, but you should confine your remarks to the amendment. You have already spoken on the main question. The amendment is that of deferring the resolution.

**Mr. Jackman** I just wanted to make it clear that