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# 53-Minute World Tour Provides MacLeod Stall

Travelling via Britain, Russia and other European countries, and taking time out for lengthy quotations, A. A. MacLeod, Labor-Progressive Leader, reached Ontario after 53 minutes of discussion on world affairs, in his contribution to the Throne Speech debate yesterday.

At exactly 5 p.m. Mr. MacLeod rose to speak in the debate, and at 5:53 the speaker got down to Ontario affairs. Four minutes later he moved adjournment of the debate. The House then adjourned.

It was generally agreed that Mr. MacLeod had done an excellent piece of stalling. He admitted as much later while clearing his desk. Next week the Labor-Progressive Leader will get down to cases at an earlier hour and it is not expected that the second half of his address will touch upon the economic and political ills of the world.

## Riles Other Members

Mr. MacLeod demonstrated that not only could he kill time, but that he could aid and abet his objective by getting other members mad at him. Every time he said something that some one else didn't like, there was an interruption, and these interruptions ate up a few more minutes without the necessity of Mr. MacLeod having to talk.

The Crimean conference of the Big Three was touched upon by the eloquent Mr. MacLeod, who felt that too many people, including the C.C.F., were throwing barbs at the world leaders. From the Crimea he travelled in a few thousand words to the Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks conferences, back again overseas to the world labor conference in England, and then took a long ocean hop to New Zealand. To support his contention that his sister Dominion was not a socialistic State, Mr. MacLeod read from an address by Deputy Prime Minister Walter Nash. Then he had a run-in with the C.C.F. Leader E. B. Jolliffe, and the hands of the clock moved toward 5:30.

## Recalls Jolliffe Speech

From the international scene Mr. MacLeod proceeded by easy stages to Canada. He recalled that last year out in Regina he had heard Mr. Jolliffe tell a political rally that the choice the people had in the Prairie Province was whether they wished to live under capitalism or under a Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

Mr. Jolliffe didn't like this. He told Mr. MacLeod it wasn't true. Mr. MacLeod said he had heard it

with his own ears. Mr. Jolliffe said he didn't. Speaker Stewart banged his gavel a few times and the upshot was that Mr. MacLeod said that if the rules of the House compelled him to withdraw he would do so. The clock now showed 5:47 p.m.

Then Mr. MacLeod tossed a few quotations around, one from Karl Marx, and another from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, when taken at the flood . . ."

At 5:53 Mr. MacLeod, not the least out of breath by his world travels, reached Ontario. In the space of four minutes he said the Drew Government had misused its mandate, usurped its power, "and now, Mr. Speaker, because of the lateness of the hour, I move adjournment of the debate." The clock showed three minutes before 6 o'clock.