

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: I am through if there are no questions to be asked.

The CHAIRMAN: You were here last year?

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: As I recall it you were upholding the claim of the Russian Communists at that time.

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: That is not true.

The CHAIRMAN: No?

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: No. I had some doubts about the political atmosphere in which this problem of immigration was being treated and I asked for a more liberal immigration policy, and I have repeated that request to-day.

The CHAIRMAN: But you and your authorities are sympathetic to the Russian way of life and their interpretation of democratic ideals.

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: No, I would not say that. That is a very broad statement, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I know.

Hon Mr. ASELTINE: That is what I gathered last year when you appeared.

The CHAIRMAN: Can you put it in less broad statements?

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: Each one of us has political beliefs. That is, some of us are to the left and some of us are to the right of centre, and I think it would be hard to try and draw a line and say, "There is a man with communistic views."

Mr. STANISZEWSKI: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, I have just one word to say. I am very much surprised at what I have just heard from the last speaker. I have witnessed the way our fellow travellers go around the country making libelous statements with regard to these 4,000 Polish veterans. They lie consistently, and I have just witnessed this to-day. I would just like to have this on record for your committee.

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: Mr. Chairman, could I have just one word?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. DUTKIEWICZ: I want to state that I am very surprised at this personal unprovoked attack. They can have a different conception of European politics than I have but that is their right, but I did not oppose the entry of Polish soldiers last year, and the records are all here and they may be read. My good friend has a copy of the minutes. I want to say that what he has said is not correct. I expressed some doubt about the matter last year, and the political football made out of this whole question. I could talk a lot about it but I am not going to. I have letters here from the soldiers themselves, but I do not think this is the place for them.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you. We are much obliged to have both points of views. We have some judgments of our own to utilize occasionally.

Our next witness is Mr. Victor Podoski. Mr. Podoski was formerly representative of Poland here in Canada for a number of years, and he will tell you what his position is at the present time.

Mr. Victor PODOSKI: At the present time I represent the Council for Resettlement of Polish Refugees Limited with headquarters in London, England. It used to be the Committee of Polish Trade and Professional Associations, comprising twenty-two organizations. At the present time three more organizations have been admitted: the Polish Combatants Association Limited, the Polish Air Force Association in Great Britain and the Polish Farmers Association in Great Britain. The name has been changed to that of the Council for Resettlement of Polish Refugees.

Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, Mr. Dubiński has so thoroughly covered the ground that my brief will be brief.