

The CHAIRMAN: I wonder. Perhaps in the light of the fact that we have not finished with Mr. Bartholomew we might just continue at eight o'clock, and have the steering committee meet after then.

Mr. KINDT: I think we have proceeded to a point in our committee where the work of the steering committee should be discussed in this committee so that we can all get a shot at it. It seems to me that there are matters coming up about which certain of us would like to ask questions, and I think it would clarify a lot of things if we could all participate in the subjects which will be brought before the steering committee at eight o'clock. I agree with the Chair that the steering committee should meet at eight o'clock, but I suggest it would be irrelevant at this time unless we all participate in it.

Mr. TURNER: First of all, the deliberations of the steering committee have to be reviewed by this committee of the whole. The purpose of the steering committee is to try to expedite the order of business of the committee, subject always to the approval and confirmation of the committee as a whole.

Secondly, the chief purpose of your steering committee is to try to schedule the hearings in advance so that we do not have jam-ups or conflicts. Moreover, Miss Ballentine wants to draw the attention of the committee to two or three things.

The CHAIRMAN: We have already scheduled as our witnesses tomorrow Mr. R. S. Anderson, representing the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, and Dr. Arthur Casagrande, professor of geology at Harvard University. Moreover, I believe that our secretary already has one or two problems resulting from this with respect to other witnesses. And may I point out to you that the scheduling as it appears at this time, unless we receive other instructions, indicates a very heavy agenda for this committee.

Indeed, it may be that we will be meeting not shorter hours but longer hours unless the committee decides otherwise.

Mr. HERRIDGE: That is what we want to discuss. They are being crowded in too fast. We may have to rearrange the schedule.

Mr. TURNER: Perhaps the steering committee then should meet this evening before the committee meets in order to resolve this matter.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Herridge has indicated there are some people who wish to appear. We have been in touch with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers who are scheduled for Friday, May 1. However, each of these two unions now is asking for the full period; they are asking not to be grouped together. The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America do not want to meet with the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Similarly, on Monday, May 4, we have the British Columbia Federation of Labour. They cannot appear on that date. For Thursday, May 7, we have scheduled R. Dean of Rossland, British Columbia and John Hayward, representing the Columbia river for Canada Committee, Vancouver.

Mr. HERRIDGE: They will each require a day.

The CHAIRMAN: I am just asking the committee to realize what this involves. The hon. Davie Fulton is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and May 12, and the province of Saskatchewan for Thursday, May 14.

I would like the members of the committee as a whole to know what the burden is which is imposed on the steering committee before they bring in a report. We already have a conflict of ideas. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Herridge both have indicated at different times that the hearings are coming too frequently, and yet the witnesses whom they have suggested do not want to appear together. This means more extended hearings.

Mr. HERRIDGE: They have separate briefs.