

armies turned over. How much they may have obtained from other sources, such as the Soviet Union, I have no way of telling.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe that the ground has been pretty well covered.

*By Mr. Dickey:*

Q. I have one further question. You mentioned that you had not been able to get these confidential reports by means of the ordinary couriers you usually depend upon. I presume that lack to some extent has been made up by the presence of the ambassador in Ottawa and by his reporting to the department personally. Is that correct?—A. Yes, but that is an expendable resource in this sense, that we cannot get any officials back into China. We had six to start with, and we have peeled off two bills from our roll, so we have got four left. But we cannot keep on seeling them off and still have anybody left. We cannot get any more people in. We are anxious to get replacements in because there is a certain amount of personal hardship suffered by the people involved remaining on duty there separated from their families. We have indeed got a great deal of information from Ambassador Davis in his reports here as well as from some others who have come out.

*By Mr. MacInnis:*

Q. You are not getting anything out now?—A. Not by confidential bag. We are getting some direct mail out through the ships which run infrequently into Shanghai and we have telegraphic communication still.

*By Mr. Fleming:*

Q. Has any of that mail been censored by the communist government representatives?—A. Not that we are aware of.

*By Mr. Green:*

Q. Are you filing a report of the Far Eastern Commission?—A. We have filed one every year in the House as it has been published. It is published annually about February, and I assume that when the next session of the House comes around, there should be another report. But even there, in getting agreement on these reports, the veto comes in sometimes and slows them down for two or three months.

The CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the committee I thank you most sincerely, Mr. Menzies, for your fine and entertaining report.

Before we adjourn I would like to say that there is one man whose name is never mentioned. I refer to the worthy secretary of this committee, Mr. Plouffe, who is not only efficient but also very industrious.

*By Mr. Fleming:*

...and very courteous.

The CHAIRMAN: He will be working with me on the report for the next day or two.

—The committee adjourned.