

this; that they were working might and main to prevent an alliance being established between Great Britain and Russia. I am sure of that. That is one thing they didn't want to have, because they would have been confronted with the thing that they feared most, a two-front war; and they had enough experience in the last world war to try to avoid that situation.

MR. McKINNON: Don't you think that it might have been possible if that pact had not been agreed to that Germany would not have fought France and Britain, would not have dared to; don't you think it is probably a question that Russia was not very much interested in what happened to the other nations as long as she had time in which to further prepare herself for when her time came?

MR. SLAGHT: They were using it as a device for saying time.

MR. McKINNON: Yes, for Russia.

WITNESS: I think Russia considers her interests first of all.

MR. McKINNON: All nations do the same thing.

WITNESS: Every country must.

MR. McKINNON: That is fine. That is just what I wanted to hear.

WITNESS: That is quite right. I think Russia, ^{and} as we say of every other country, must consider its own interests first of all. Of course, many times, as at the present moment, interests coincide and it happens that there is a common alliance against various forces to fight a common foe. At the present time there is no doubt of the possibility of bringing about that common alliance; it just happens that each one must look after its own interest first of all.

MR. MacINNIS: Russia realized that in 1935 when she made application for admission to the League and worked in the League with a view to getting collective security established throughout the world.