

welfare of the state or anything of that sort.

MR. ANDERSON: May I ask a question? You stated a moment ago that each one will determine for himself whether or not this war is a commercial war.

WITNESS: I would say that, yes.

MR. ANDERSON: Then you have stated that if the law of the land conflicts with the law of God, the law of God must prevail. What about those who decide that this is a commercial war and there is conscription, will they disobey?

WITNESS: I can say there again every man must make up his own mind, but there is not anything in Jehovah's witnesses to influence him.

MR. ANDERSON: He will disobey the law; he will not recognize that?

WITNESS: I did not say that.

MR. MacKINNON: Does not that follow?

WITNESS: No.

MR. MacINNIS: You won't counsel him?

WITNESS: I won't seek to influence him at all.

MR. ANDERSON: Suppose he decides it is not a proper law; supposing he says the law of God says I must not fight therefore I will not recognize any conscription law.

MR. MacINNIS: He has got the right to do that.

BY THE CHAIRMAN:

Q. You must not counsel him, according to the tenets of your doctrine? A. I say if I had to counsel him on the subject there are two things that I should try to find. First of all I should find the law of the land and then I should find the law of God, because the law of God says each man must act as his own heart dictates and make up his own mind on these things himself.

BY MR. MacINNIS:

Q. May I read to you an item which appeared in the Ottawa