

Affairs" at less than cost. That is quite an advantage to them because if that had not been possible they would have had to increase their membership fee by 50 cents or 75 cents.

Mr. FLEMING: It would have been necessary for them to abandon one of their own publications.

The WITNESS: Well it enabled them to change the nature of the Society's own bulletin. They no longer need to include the kind of official statements which the department releases in its monthly publication.

Mr. GRAYDON: Some of us have had an opportunity to observe the very splendid work that is being done by this Society in the field in which they operate in Canada. I would hope that the Under Secretary might take into consideration and review the matter during the coming year to see if perhaps some special consideration could not be given to increasing the grants to this Society. It performs a more useful service than some members really believe. It has not had the advantage of large scale publicity on its work and, when an organization has not that advantage, it is sometimes apt to be forgotten in claims for benefits or votes of money from the government. I happen to know of some of the splendid work that is being done by the Society and perhaps the Under Secretary in the next year could find time to review the situation with the officials of the Society. If it is found that it performs the service that we think it does perhaps we can look for some additional help.

Mr. FLEMING: As a former secretary of the Toronto branch of this organization I can say that there has never been a time when the worthy work of the Society has not been hampered by lack of funds.

Mr. FOURNIER: I do not belong to the Society but I have heard much about it and I would favour something being done.

The CHAIRMAN: I am sure that Mr. Heeney realizes the feeling of the committee on that score.

Mr. FOURNIER: Perhaps some mention of the matter should be made when the committee makes its report.

Mr. GREEN: The suggestion has also been made that in some cities the government might make office space available to the Society. I know that it had great difficulty in finding accommodation in Vancouver and I am wondering whether recommendations of that kind have been considered by the government.

The WITNESS: It is not for me to say what the government might do or be willing to do in this matter. However I would not be stepping outside of my proper role if I were to say that as far as the department is concerned—and I am sure that I speak for my Minister as well—the services performed by the United Nations Society are held in very high regard. General Burns, chairman of the administrative committee and Miss Bowlby, the general secretary of the Society stationed in Ottawa, asked me to a meeting the other day, convened by the Society, of voluntary organizations throughout Canada to consider better means for spreading information concerning the United Nations throughout Canada. I was very glad to accept, and to say there to all those people that we enjoy excellent relations with the organization and that we attach great importance to their work; further that we were very glad to be able to give the kind of co-operation that we have been giving and do give every day. I would like the committee to know that. Although the grant may not be as large as some members may feel it should be the amount is not the measure of support which the department has given to the Society. There are a great many things which can be done the measure of which is not financial.

*By Mr. Croll:*

Q. You have consulted with the executive about this grant and have thoroughly canvassed the field with them?—A. Yes, we have consulted with them.