

Mr. HOWDEN: I understand the secretary to say it is not necessary.

Mr. HOWDEN: That does not clear the matter up. I think it should be pointed out to these people that permission is being given to the Japanese to make a submission on their own behalf with regard to Oriental labour on our steamships, and that if the Chinese want to do the same thing they may do so.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that satisfactory?

Mr. HOWDEN: I so move.

Mr. MACINNIS: I second the motion.

Mr. ISNOR: What is the motion?

Mr. HOWDEN: I moved, seconded by Mr. MacInnis, that one of the Chinese authorities or someone representing the Chinese government be communicated with and informed that permission has been given to the Japanese seamen to make a submission before this committee with regard to Oriental labour on these ships, and that the same privilege will be extended to the Chinese.

The CHAIRMAN: I understand that China is represented in Canada by a Chinese Consul-General, not a Minister. Is there any discussion on the motion? (Carried)

Mr. REID: On the matter of representation, the committee was good enough to have one representative sent for on behalf of the Seamen's Association of Vancouver, and they have written to me asking that they be allowed the privilege of sending one of their own men as a follow-up witness if they find it necessary to combat the statements of representatives of steamship companies or others. They feel that statements might be made by steamship company representatives and others that they would like to answer.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we had better let the sub-committee deal with that matter. We have a long submission this morning, and personally I would like to get it done.

Mr. MACNICOL: I have no objection to the committee receiving all the evidence they can.

The CHAIRMAN: When are we going to get finished?

Mr. NEILL: On the 17th of June.

Mrs. BLACK: I suggest that if the seamen send another representative he should be prepared before he comes here. The last representative was not prepared.

The CHAIRMAN: We have some communications next to be dealt with. The committee passed a resolution on Friday, March 27, 1936, in regard to asking the clerk to ascertain the wages paid to white crews, detailing the various crews, and also the Oriental crews in respect to certain shipping companies. Also the cost of feeding white crews and the cost of feeding Oriental crews by these companies. We have the information to hand from the Union Steamship Company. We have not yet received the information from the Silver-Java Line, but they have written to the effect that as soon as they get the information they will forward it to the committee. What is your pleasure with regard to this correspondence? Do you want it put into the record of the proceedings?

Mr. NEILL: What about the C.P.R. and other lines?

The CHAIRMAN: We did not ask the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Canadian Pacific representatives are here this morning, and you can ask them directly. With regard to the Canadian National Railway we wrote them along the same line and the information is here from the Canadian National Railway, after some delay.