

people. We shall continue to be very much in earnest and will do everything we possibly can to work out some solution to the problem. Unfortunately the problem still exists, and Canada will be willing to negotiate and, as I said, do everything she possibly can to help bring about a relaxation of tension.

Naturally these developments are a bit disturbing; but we are dealing here, I believe, with the survival of mankind. This problem we are facing is just that serious. I regret more than I can say that the Soviet and the other four members of the Eastern side should have deliberately walked out of these negotiations knowing that there was a proposal to be discussed within the next day or two. Apparently they were afraid of what would be in those proposals, in so far as world public opinion is concerned. This looks like a deliberate attempt to prevent the Western proposals from getting out to the nations of the world which have not been involved in the work of this Committee.

I take it, of course, that there will be no opportunity now for the Committee to do any further work. I understand that a message has been sent by Premier Khrushchov to the heads of government of the five Western nations, but we have not actually received that. This is obviously a deliberate step taken to try to upset the West and also to gain a propaganda advantage.

I regret having to give such a report to the House ... but I am afraid that is the situation. I suggest that Canadians should not be downhearted. This is a long road that we are on now and, as I said a minute ago, it is a road which may prevent the ending of civilization. I know all Canadians will do their part in an endeavour to see that some solution is eventually found.

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