

In attendance: Honourable L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs; Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs; Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. J. R. Barker, Executive Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Pearson who, in turn, introduced Messrs. Wilgress and Macdonnell.

Item No. 85 of the Departmental estimates was called.

Mr. Pearson answered various questions put by Committee members concerning world affairs, special attention being paid to the work of the International Service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Chairman announced that the following members had been chosen to serve with him on the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure: Messrs. Coldwell, Côté (*Matapedia-Matane*), Decore, Graydon, Jutras, Lesage, Quelch, Riley.

At 4.45 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 11.00 o'clock a.m., Monday, February 23.

MONDAY, February 23, 1953.

The Standing Committee on External Affairs met at 11.00 o'clock a.m. this day. The Chairman, Mr. J. A. Bradette, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Bater, Benidickson, Bennett, Bradette, Côté (*Matapedia-Matane*), Croll, Decore, Gauthier (*Portneuf*), Goode, Graydon, Green, Jutras, Kirk (*Digby-Yarmouth*), Lesage, Low, MacDougall, MacInnis, McCusker, Quelch, Richard (*Ottawa East*), Riley, Stick.

In attendance: From the Department of External Affairs: Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Under-Secretary, Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, Asst. Under-Secretary, Mr. S. D. Hemsley, Finance Division and Mr. J. R. Barker, Exec. Asst. to the Under-Secretary.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Tom Goode, M.P., a member of the committee, is leaving soon for New York to attend the coming meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

A letter from the Canadian Peace Congress, requesting a hearing before this Committee, was read into the record by the Chairman.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Goode,

Resolved,—That the Canadian Peace Congress be not heard by the standing Committee on External Affairs.

Item No. 85—Main Estimates of the Department of External Affairs—was again considered.

Mr. Wilgress was called, made a general statement and was questioned on departmental matters.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, February 26, at 11.00 o'clock a.m.

E. W. INNES,
Clerk of the Committee.