

Mr. NEILL: Why not summon their representative and pay his expenses? We might secure some very useful information from him. I think their representative should be compulsorily summoned and his expenses paid.

Mrs. BLACK: I do not think the Chinese are organized in the way the Japanese are.

Mr. NEILL: The Chinese have all kinds of tongs.

Mr. REID: I say in fairness that the Japanese should not be heard unless the Chinese are heard.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no desire to eliminate the Chinese if they wish to appear before the committee.

Mr. ISNOR: You are dealing with a request from the Japanese now.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes; it came through the Japanese minister.

Mr. ISNOR: I do not see that we can do otherwise than follow the recommendation of the subcommittee in view of this request by this body of Japanese to appear before this committee.

Mr. NEILL: Who wrote to the committee?

The CHAIRMAN: The head of the Japanese Legation in Ottawa requested the privilege of making a submission.

Mr. HOWDEN: I have no objection to the Japanese coming before the committee. In the beginning it seemed to me that if we permitted the Japanese to make a submission of their own we would also have to permit the Norwegians, Danes, Icelanders, and all others who might wish to appear before the committee; but since these people are those against whom the inquiry seems to be requested, they should have the privilege of coming before the committee. Why not deal with the Chinese at the same time?

The CHAIRMAN: What is the pleasure of the committee with regard to hearing representatives of the Chinese if they desire to appear?

Mr. NEILL: I think they should be invited to appear.

The CHAIRMAN: We did not invite the Japanese to appear.

Mr. NEILL: The Japanese are a more literate nation and keep themselves informed. Because the Chinese are illiterate is no reason why they should not be heard by this committee, because this is a very important matter.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no disposition on the part of any member of the subcommittee to deal unfairly with the Chinese, as far as I am aware. We simply dealt with the request sent to us through the Japanese Legation and submitted our report to you this morning. There was no request from the Chinese.

Mrs. BLACK: If you really want to find out whether the Chinese desire to be represented, why not ask their minister here?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, we could do that. Up to the present time there has been no request, verbal or otherwise. What is the wish of the committee with regard to the submission by the Japanese?

Mr. MACINNIS: I move that the report of the committee be adopted in that respect.

Mrs. BLACK: I second the motion. (Carried).

Mr. HOWDEN: What about the Chinese?

The CHAIRMAN: I understand that we are to get in touch with the Chinese minister here.

Mr. HOWDEN: Has a motion gone through?

The CHAIRMAN: If you think it is necessary to make a motion, you may do so.