

The CHAIRMAN: I believe that all angles will be discussed. The same thing will apply to the testimony that General MacNaughton will give as a scientific man. I believe we are on safe ground, and whatever statement he will make will be very illuminating.

Mr. JAUQUES: The only reason I made the remark was that personally I do not think a scientist is any more qualified to give an opinion on the use of the bomb than anybody else. In fact, I think they are rather less qualified.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe there will be no objection by any member of the committee to General MacNaughton appearing before us. If we decide to have other witnesses it will be up to the committee to call them to discuss that very important question.

Mr. KNOWLES: He will appear before us as Canada's representative.

Mr. HACKETT: I think there is a great deal in what Mr. Jaques says, but probably on the idea of the feasibility of control, the necessity of control, some aspect like that, a man who is familiar with what goes to make up this terrible engine of destruction may be able to speak with some additional information not possessed by the ordinary member.

Mr. JAUQUES: I only wish to say there is not any doubt in my mind that the bomb is and has been used as a club by certain people, certain organizations, to further their own ideas.

The CHAIRMAN: Of course, in the case of General MacNaughton his ideas will be national and international in their scope. On account of his present activities General MacNaughton will be fairly familiar with the many aspects of the atomic bomb question.

Mr. GRAYDON: May I suggest we cross that bridge when we come to it. The report will be before us by that time. There are a number of scientific, political and moral approaches which are readily seen in the report itself. What witnesses we will require later will develop as the report is reviewed by the committee. I think we can call General MacNaughton as a start and see from then on where we go.

Mr. JAUQUES: I did not wish to stop it in any way at all.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other matters you want to bring up before we proceed with the United Nations report?

Mr. MARQUIS: May I say a word about the trip to Lake Success? As I was one who favoured that trip I wish to state when I left the committee the other day I found a letter on my desk calling me home for Sunday and Monday. That is the reason why I cannot go, and I regret sincerely not being able to be there.

The CHAIRMAN: We also regret it.

Mr. MARQUIS: I informed the chairman of the committee of the fact that I could not go.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other matters to bring up?

Mr. JAUQUES: There is only this one. Will there be opportunities to hear witnesses on various questions of international importance? I might mention the case of the Slovaks. They have a case. I think their leader was just executed. There are two sides to that question. All we hear is the one side. They have representatives in Canada. It would be a simple matter to have the Slovaks here, and anybody else for that matter.

Mr. COLDWELL: What leader is Mr. Jaques referring to? Is he referring to the traitor?

Mr. JAUQUES: Who says he is a traitor? That is the very thing to which I object, to murder a man like that. You give a dog a bad name and kill him. It was the same with Mihailovich.