

EVIDENCE

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Thursday, 8 June 1967

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I see a quorum. First, I will read the order of reference, dated Thursday, May 25, 1967.

Ordered,—That, saving always the powers of the Committee of Supply in relation to the voting of public moneys, the items listed in the main estimates for 1967-68, relating to the Department of External Affairs be withdrawn from the Committee of Supply and referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs.

Gentlemen, the members of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure are the same as for the last session, namely Messrs. Brewin, Dubé, Laprise, Macdonald (Rosedale), Nesbitt, and Thompson.

I will now read the first report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads: (See Minutes of Proceedings)

The Chair will entertain a motion to adopt the report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, as read.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I so move.

Mr. Allmand: I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

1 Administration, Operation and Maintenance, including payment of remuneration, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council and notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, in connection with the assignment by the Canadian Government of Canadians to the staffs of the International Organizations detailed in the Estimates and authority to make recoverable advances in amounts not exceeding in the aggregate the amounts of the shares of those Organizations of such expenses, and authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act, for the appointment and fixing of salaries of Commissioners (International Commissions for Supervision and Control in Indo-China), Secretaries and staff by the Governor in Council; and authority, notwithstanding the Civil Service Act,

for the appointment and fixing of salaries of High Commissioners, Ambassadors, Ministers Plenipotentiary, Consuls, Secretaries and staff by the Governor in Council; assistance and repatriation of distressed Canadian citizens and persons of Canadian domicile abroad, including their dependents; cultural relations and academic exchange programs with other countries, \$42,260,000.

The Chairman: To enable Mr. Martin to testify when he returns from his NATO trip, is it agreed that we stand item 1?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Item 1 stood.

External Aid office

30. Salaries and Expenses, \$2,521,700.

The Chairman: Our witness this morning is Mr. Maurice F. Strong, Director General of the External Aid Office. Most of you know Mr. Strong, but because this is his first appearance here, with your permission, I would like to give you a brief outline of his curriculum vitae.

Mr. Strong was born at Oak Lake, Manitoba. In 1944 and 1945 he was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company at the fur trading post at Chesterfield Inlet on the west coast of Hudson Bay. In 1947 and 1948 he served as a member of the Secretariat of the United Nations in New York. From 1954 to 1959 he was with Dome Petroleum Limited and associated companies as vice president and treasurer. From 1959 to 1964 he was President as well as a director of Canadian Industrial Gas Ltd. From 1962 to 1966 he was with Power Corporation of Canada, Limited, first as an Executive Vice President and then as President and Director. During this period he was also an officer or director of a number of other Canadian, United States and international corporations. On October 1, 1966 he resigned all business positions to accept the appointment as Director General of the External Aid Office. Mr. Strong is also the National President of the National Council of the YMCA of Canada, a member of the