

Mr. HARRIS: Well, I will put it this way; he has also been supported by the division at Ottawa; and we can leave it to the end of the term the assessment of his qualities of statesmanship. In the meantime I think you will agree with me that the Security Council representation of this country is of a very high order, both through the direction it is getting here through Mr. Riddell's division, and in the presentation of its views at the Security Council.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Riddell, in the name of the committee I want to thank you most sincerely for this very fine presentation, and I also want to thank all the officials of the department for their kind co-operation and assistance always so willingly given.

Before we adjourn I should report to you that at the last meeting of the steering committee, last Friday we discussed the possibility of General McNaughton appearing before the committee, and it seems that it is now too late in the session and that his appearance cannot be arranged.

Before we adjourn we have before us a formal motion by Mr. Fleming of which notice was given on Wednesday, June 9, 1948, reading as follows. That this committee request the government to appoint a national commission in accordance with article 7, of the constitution of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. I believe we might leave that.

Mr. HARRIS: We will have to have this motion disposed of if possible as it is the only unfinished business remaining before the committee.

Mr. JACKMAN: Mr. Fleming is in the House. Possibly we could get him up here.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fleming, we are glad to have you here. We just reached your resolution and we are awaiting Mr. Riddell who is obtaining some information as to its meaning.

Mr. FLEMING: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIRMAN: I know you are busy.

Mr. FLEMING: I was waiting down in the House all evening for a particular item of business to be reached. So far, the waiting has been in vain. I might better have been up here since half past eight.

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure there is very much I can say with regard to this matter except to read the relevant article from the constitution of UNESCO. Article 7 of the UNESCO constitution states that:

Each member state shall make such arrangements as suit its particular conditions for the purpose of associating its principle bodies interested in educational, scientific and cultural matters with the work of the organization, preferably by the formation of a national commission broadly representative of the government and such bodies.

This is permissive and not mandatory. It leaves it to member states to decide how, at any particular time, the work of the cultural and educational bodies in that state shall be co-ordinated with the work of UNESCO as a whole. It suggests that a national commission is the preferable form to make this association but, as I say, it leaves it to each member state to make such arrangements as suit its particular conditions.

So far, the government has considered that the particular conditions in Canada are not such as to warrant the establishment of a national commission and that step has not been taken. The arrangements for co-ordination between the educational, scientific and cultural organizations in Canada and UNESCO are, therefore, carried on through the Department of External Affairs which designates a particular officer for this purpose.