

member of a number of these delegations and, frankly, this distinction is not real because the members of the delegation at the United Nations attend all the morning discussions and they get the full picture.

Item agreed to.

40. Grant to the United Nations association in Canada, \$12,000

Mr. CHOQUETTE: Will you give us an explanation in respect of that?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes. As you know, this is a voluntary organization in Canada which has an interest in the United Nations and, naturally, it is considered to be a very worthwhile activity. The organization co-operates with agencies of the government in publicizing certain UN activities and objectives. If the government undertook these operations themselves it would be more costly. It is found that with an arrangement like this the association is assisted in achieving its objectives and is of real assistance to the government in discharging its own responsibilities.

Mr. CHOQUETTE: How many countries participate in this?

Mr. CADIEUX: This is an association within Canada. Other countries have similar organizations, and they may subsidize them as well.

Mr. THOMPSON: Would you have information which might indicate the over-all expenditure of the United Nations society in Canada?

Mr. CADIEUX: No, I do not have that information.

Mr. THOMPSON: What fraction of the over-all expenditure is represented?

Mr. GELBER: I believe the budget is about \$65,000.

Mr. BREWIN: I do not ask this in any sense of hostility to this particular item or other similar items but I am wondering if what you might call a voluntary organization, such as the United Nations association, receive grants, or is this all they get?

Mr. CADIEUX: No. You have the Canadian Atlantic co-ordinating committee, which receives a \$2,500 grant. These are the only two of which I know.

Mr. MACQUARRIE: Can the witness tell us the membership in all the branches of the United Nations association? I am just wondering what portion of the population is involved.

Mr. CADIEUX: We could obtain information as to what the membership is but, off hand, I do not have that information.

Item agreed to.

45. Grant to the Canadian Atlantic co-ordinating committee, \$2,500

Mr. CHOQUETTE: What have they done with that money?

Mr. CADIEUX: Well, the main purpose is to educate and inform the public about NATO, conduct research into its various activities and purposes, and to promote the solidarity of the people of the north Atlantic area.

Mr. LACHANCE: Do they report to the government?

Mr. CADIEUX: Yes, the government is kept informed of their activities. They maintain close contact with NATO and member governments.

Mr. LACHANCE: Are they obligated to report every year?

Mr. CADIEUX: Well, their activities are public and we are aware what they do in this general way. Each year when they make a submission for additional assistance they give an indication and, in many cases, their activities are conducted in co-operation with the NATO secretariat.

Mr. CHOQUETTE: You see, when the amount is so small we become skeptical.

Item agreed to.

46. Gift to commemorate the independence of Jamaica, \$10,000