

Mr. McCUSKER: I would like to get that record correct because I think that is a pretty bad thing to go out.

Mr. FLEMING: I did not say that. I said it is not the same thing getting this information or certain information secondhand as being able to ask a man who has firsthand information, because it is not reasonable to expect that a man who is giving information second or thirdhand has all the information.

Mr. McCUSKER: I will accept that explanation now that he has explained the statement, but the statement did sound a little startling.

Mr. COTE: Do you think it would be proper for this committee to look into the diplomatic valise of any of our ambassadors? It is still worse to ask an ambassador to come here. I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that our good friend withdraw his motion.

Mr. McNAUGHTON: I suppose we are all pretty much attracted from time to time by the antics of the American committee method but until such time as those methods have been proved superior to the English system I think, inasmuch as we have the English political system, we should follow English political system lines, and I think it is most improper to bring the ambassador before a committee like this.

*By Mr. Hansell:*

Q. How long has Mr. Davis been in China?—A. Something over two years, Mr. Chairman.

Q. That might alter the picture a little as far as I am concerned because I think the information we want to get, the entire picture, would perhaps involve a longer period of history than just two years. I am not particularly enthusiastic about this motion as long as we can get the information from a top ranking official.

Mr. BATER: As a new member of this committee I would like to go on record and say that after reading an article in Maclean's magazine containing an interview between Mr. Pearson and two representatives of that magazine, and after listening to the minister in the House and in this committee, and after listening to the deputy minister, I do not think we would be fair in asking our ambassador to China to come before this committee. I do not think there is a country in the whole world where the people are better informed by the department on matters of this kind than they are right here through this committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion on this subject?

It was moved by Mr. Graydon and seconded by Mr. Fraser that the ambassador to China, the Honourable Mr. Davis, should be called to appear before the committee on External Affairs to give factual information on present day conditions in China. Is that correct? Those in favour will signify in the usual manner by raising their hands. Against?

I declare the resolution lost.

Mr. Heeney will give more information about a question asked by Mr. Fleming.

The WITNESS: Mr. Fleming inquired if a list of the countries with whom Canada had bilateral air agreements could be put on the record. I will read the list.

Third and Fourth Freedom Agreements with Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Portugal, Ireland, and Australia. The agreement with the Netherlands provides for fifth freedom but the exercise of this freedom is limited by an exchange of notes. In respect of Australia negotiations are at present under way to amend this agreement to provide fifth freedom rights for C.P.A. Fifth freedom agreements, with the United States and the United Kingdom. The following agreements are under negotiation: with New Zealand, Cuba, Brazil, Denmark,