

I should say we have arrangements made by which an advance party would begin preparations where there is the slightest suspicion; but by its nature such an advance party does not include the key people, because the dispersal of the key people would disrupt our regular consideration of things, and their movement would indicate the government had come to the decision that there was a problem.

It is going to be a terrible decision to make, that the public should be told war is imminent, because you may give rise to panic and all sorts of actions as a consequence, including destruction of property and even loss of life. One would not make this decision lightly; as soon as the decision is made and announced, it will go around the world in 60 seconds.

Miss LAMARSH: That is pre-supposing the members of the press gallery stay to report it?

Mr. BRYCE: As you can imagine, it will be picked up by every broadcasting station right away. You do not make an announcement of that kind lightly, and I think it would be wrong and really imprudent to attempt to answer that question now.

Miss LAMARSH: Then the whole planning of E.M.O. is predicated upon the fact that the war in which we may be involved would affect the whole of Canada?

Mr. BRYCE: Yes. In so far as it is necessary to undertake a limited war, such as the Korean war, we would expect to be able to take that in our stride, if we are ready for the more difficult operations.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more questions which can be directed to Mr. Bryce or Mr. Curry?

Miss LAMARSH: I have about a million of them, but I do not know if they concern these witnesses.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bryce is in the same position as Mr. Driedger, that when we resume, whether now or subsequent to any adjournment, he will be available to come back and be of assistance to the committee in connection with this problem. I think the idea in his coming here was to give him an opportunity to present his views on what the problem was, in the understanding of the E.M.O. people. If not, I would suggest that we might well adjourn at this time. I am going to ask that there be a steering committee meeting some time tomorrow so that we can consider at that meeting how we will proceed.

There is one more question before we adjourn. A question has been raised about what plans are in effect in the United States and in the United Kingdom. I do not know whether Mr. Curry has that information or not. If not, I am prepared to arrange with the Clerk that he write and obtain that information, and possibly Mr. Curry would be of some assistance.

Mr. CURRY: Mr. Chairman, I think the question is of major importance and we would want to give you a completely first-rate answer. I would like notice of it. We could be helpful either in getting the information direct or in assisting the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Curry is in a better position to obtain direct information from the people who are making the decisions and make it available to the committee at some later date. Is that agreed?

Agreed.

Could we have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. KUCHEREPA: I so move.