

If we could find solutions to these problems and take them one by one, we might be solving the problem of many reservations across this country; but the point is that what we have been doing is going to reserves, bringing them here and listening to their problems. We know the problems. Let us get down to the solution of these problems by having this Committee take these items one by one, bring whoever has to be brought before the Committee, and find out why the Indians have reason for complaint.

I mentioned the St. Lawrence Seaway because if what they say is true, and I have no reason to doubt them, I think the situation is scandalous. That is what I think. After so many years without these claims having been settled, I think we ought to know about it. This is the way we could deal with these problems. I think it is more important to do that than to go to the reserves in far distant parts of this country. We have specific problems of two reserves; let us see what we can do about these two.

Mr. BARNETT: Mr. Chairman, you mention this Seaway problem with the Caughnawaga and the St. Regis. This is a problem we could do something about right now, but if you look through this list, with all due deference to your views that we know the problems—

The CHAIRMAN: No, no. I do not say that we know all the problems, but there are problems—

Mr. BARNETT: You say we are aware of the problems, but with all due deference, the question is the solution. On the basis of a visit to two reserves, this Committee is not competent—

The CHAIRMAN: I did not say that. I said, let us try to do something to solve the problems of these two. I am not saying that by doing that we are solving all the problems, but we will be doing something constructive if we are able to solve their problems. It would be very encouraging to be able to solve these problems and then make those trips, because then perhaps we could solve other problems.

Mr. HADASZ: Mr. Chairman, why do we not table a report saying that we visited these reserves, that we have noted certain problems and that they require further study by the Committee, forthwith recommending to the House Leaders the setting up of striking committees as soon as the new session opens.

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly we will do that. I do not suppose we will get any further this morning.

Mr. BARNETT: All right. Let us do that at least. At least, I have mentioned this business about the striking committee. I understand with respect to the reconstitution of one special committee, agreement has already been reached.

Mr. HADASZ: Which one is that?

Mr. BARNETT: The procedure committee; agreement has already been reached that it will be reconstituted—

Mr. HADASZ: Can we not put in such a report?

The CHAIRMAN: I think we would require a resolution to that effect.

Mr. ROXBURGH: Make a resolution. Go ahead.