

the War, gentlemen, before we adjourn I just wish to inform you that I would hope that we can have an in camera meeting later this week to adopt an interim report to be presented to the House of Commons in regard to our proposed trip to Europe, and also to take a further look at the details of the program and schedule. Even though you did accept this morning the report of the subcommittee because of the fact we do not have the estimates before us I do not know if legally this gives us authorization to request anything from the House of Commons; so I think it would be useful to have that in camera meeting. At the same time you will see the exact procedure we will follow in making this presentation to the House. At the same time you will learn whether the members of the committee support this presentation. Is that agreed? You will be informed. This will be a fairly short meeting and I hope as many members as possible will attend.

This concludes our meeting. May we have adjournment for adjournment, please. Moved by Mr. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Hanley, that the House do now adjourn. Motion agreed to.

German hands in permanent detention. Many we have seen in German hands. Effects of starvation, poor diet or malnutrition while prisoners in German hands.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more questions, gentlemen?

(Translation)

Mr. EMARD: Mr. Chairman, have you been given the recommendations of the Liberal study group, which studied the report on Hong-Kong prisoners? Were you not given recommendations by the group?

The CHAIRMAN: No, we will make our own recommendations as a committee. Gentlemen, this concludes this stage of our study of the Hong Kong Report. Two years ago the committee was quite convinced of the importance of this study was under way. We have looked at this report and it proves that we were justified in looking at this problem. Again I must congratulate Dr. Richardson and the help he received in preparing the report. I congratulate them on the good work that they have done, but I must also express my gratitude to him on putting himself at the disposal of the committee and for the clear answers that he has given in reply to our questions. I wish also to thank Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fortey for giving us so much of their time. The committee will carry on its work on the report. We will look at the other side of the story on May 17. I am pretty sure that from a thorough study we will come to conclusions and recommendations that we shall be able to present to the House by the end of the month.

Thank you very much, Dr. Richardson, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fortey.

Mr. EMARD: I want to join with you in expressing the thanks of the Committee and of many veterans who have written me about this subject for the very excellent study made of this by Dr. Richardson and his associates and for his very clear and objective answers to the questions raised during these hearings.

The CHAIRMAN: Dr. Richardson or Mr. Anderson, would you have any comments to add? No?