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The workers are being organized. Their bargaining position, through the shortage of labour and so on.- under normal circumstances you would say that their position has been greatly enhanced and they can call the tune; that is, they can demand high wages and various other things of that kind. It is my opinion that they should see that they enjoy a decent standard of living in accordance with conditions existing as dictated by the war but should not -- and they are not, in my opinion -- utilize their new position to gain any advantages that would in any way hinder the war effort. Similarly, I believe it should go for managers and owners of industry as well that may enjoy any privileged position or any position of large contracts from the government and so on, that they should get a fair return for their capital invested but should not utilize the war to make extra profits at the expense of the war. I feel that too. I think that in this respect there needs to be a class truce, if you like -- all working together for the purpose of prosecuting the war.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we are just at the retiring time. But before we retire, there is a motion by Mr. Martin that the views of Mr. Anderson presented to the committee on July 7 and 8, 1942, be incorporated in the minutes of evidence of to-day.

Mr. SLAGHT: Is that the memorandum?

Mr. ANDERSON: Yes; attached as an appendix.

The CHAIRMAN: Does that meet with your approval?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. SLAGHT: Before Mr. Freed goes, if he would care to answer this, I should like him to do so. I do not know whether it is a fair question or not: In the somewhat unlikely event of Russia and Germany reaching a peace, and Russia not