

Dr. BOYD: I was not asking you to hear me further on this. I merely wanted to say you should not interpret my silence as in any way a concurrence with some of the things said about my brief.

The CHAIRMAN: Your phraseology is excellent.

Dr. BOYD: I will be happy to discuss any particular thing that I have said with the members of this committee, either here now or at any other time.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Dr. Boyd.

I do not suppose it is the wish of any of the members to question Dr. Boyd on his statement. Is it the wish of the committee, in view of having heard Dr. Boyd, arising out of what was said, that we should have anyone from Chalk River?

Mr. BEST: It probably is not necessary. In view of your earlier comment, I agree with your statement that if Dr. Laurence wished to comment on this at any opportunity close at hand, say tomorrow or the next day, if it would be convenient, or later, this could be done. We are anxious, of course, to get our report drafted by now, and I believe that other than that, this would probably be the last public meeting that we have scheduled, to date. Certainly, we ought to give an opportunity, if desired.

The CHAIRMAN: There is not any question about that, because we are inquiring into the operations and policies of A.E.C.L. and they are the people whose statements should be final, that is, the final statements or last statements on the record. My question arose as to whether or not the committee members consider it necessary.

Mr. BEST: I do not think it is necessary.

The CHAIRMAN: We will have the Clerk contact the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited to ask them what their wishes are. I will arrange to have Dr. Boyd's statement, which he has made today, available to Atomic Energy so that they can go over it in the morning. We have a few minutes yet. Probably we could clarify two or three things in the meantime. How would it be if we agreed to communicate and make available to A.E.C.L. the statements made today by Dr. Boyd, and if they would like to appear, we will arrange for that appearance. In my opinion, it is not necessary.

Mr. DRYSDALE: I would like to see a letter go to the Ontario Boiler Pressure Inspector and find out why an exception was made in this particular case, and why they did not have any A.S.M.E. ruling. I think it is important to the committee to have that information.

Mr. AIKEN: I do not see how we could do this by letter.

Mr. DRYSDALE: It seems quite easy.

The CHAIRMAN: I think your request is going to be answered, actually, to the satisfaction of the members of the committee here, without having someone appear. We have had both sides and I think the members of this committee are going to assess what has been said here before the committee. I hope it will not be necessary, but if you insist that we should have the letter—

Mr. DRYSDALE: I am not insisting, Mr. Chairman, but we are left in this position that the safety factor has been lowered from four to three, and we have had the indication in the Ontario Act, that the usual procedure has been to refer to A.S.M.E. This was not done. We have had the very unusual procedure, according to Dr. Boyd, that there has been a special ruling made under a section of the act which was never used before. I think that the committee should have either a letter or some explanation.

The CHAIRMAN: In regard to the division bell ringing, I will just send word that we will be in, in a few minutes.

Mr. AIKEN: I have something else to do.