

Now, I would like to think that perhaps that is the definition, because this could, in fact, with very little modification become a definition which would leave our services intact because in this particular definition he does not refer to identity in any shape or form.

Mr. McINTOSH: Yes, but this morning, Admiral, I read a lot of what to my mind were contradictions in the Minister's speech, and this is also a contradiction. He says that the services are not going to be changed, but I take it from what you read that they will be a single service. Now, I ask you again, how can they be identical and different at the same time?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I do not know. I say again, sir, that I think the only person who can answer that question for you is the Minister.

Mr. McINTOSH: Right. Well, I will not belabour that.

I am concerned with this statement in the brief that you gave to the Committee:

Unification has very little, if any, merit. It is a change for the sake of change. It is unnecessary and expensive. It is oriented politically and not militarily.

I believe a similar question was asked of you this morning. What do you mean when you say it is oriented politically and not militarily?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I think that the theory of unification, in view of the fact that it achieves nothing in the way of military improvement, cannot really be considered a military theory. However, as it emanates from the Minister's office, I take the liberty of suggesting that it must therefore be a political theory.

Mr. McINTOSH: Right. Now, to sum up, could I say that your concern, Admiral, before your discussions with the Minister got to the point where you were fired—and I am using your words—was in connection with the morale of your service, in connection with the recruiting of your service and in connection with additional difficulties in the training of your service. Now, on the basis of what you understood by unification, were these three factors of the greatest concern to you?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes.

Mr. McINTOSH: And in which order, Admiral?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: The lowering of morale was the largest single factor because this was the backbone of the force I was commanding.

Mr. McINTOSH: Right. And by lowering the morale it would also lower the possibilities of an increase in recruitment, would it not?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Certainly, to the extent, at any rate, that officers and men within the service are probably our best recruiters. They are the people who bring the recruits to the door rather than the advertising, and when officers and men in the naval service are satisfied and confident in their careers, then they go out and recruit other people, but I do not think that has been going on to any extent.

Mr. McINTOSH: Are you satisfied, Admiral, that it is the Minister's intention to carry on the commitments which we already have to these alliances. Is there