

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the amendment. It has been duly moved and seconded.

Mr. BREWIN: If I may interrupt, Mr. Chairman, in respect of the amendment I assume that any member of this committee, not being a member of the steering committee, has suggestions and criticisms in respect of the order of business and so on which the steering committee would welcome, so in this context I do not think that Mr. Kindt is a special case.

Mr. KINDT: Not on your life.

Mr. BREWIN: I am not in favour of the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN: You have heard the amendment; all those in favour?

Mr. KINDT: I do not wish to be singled out as any special case.

Mr. RYAN: I think he should be singled out as a special case.

Mr. BYRNE: I would be happy to withdraw the motion if Mr. Kindt understands that without prejudice he may attend the meetings at any time to try to determine how best we can obtain witnesses. However, I do not think this is the proper place for a member to tell the committee what the witnesses should be telling us. We have only asked those who are with the government to make their representations. After all, these are the ones who have the responsibility for this treaty. If there are any other people who wish to attend the committee to take exception to or to argue against that principle that is not up to the committee to determine. We have invited those individuals who we believe to be well informed critics to come before us. We have received no objections in respect of inviting others who are reputed to be well informed.

Mr. DEACHMAN: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order—

Mr. BYRNE: I do not see how this discussion is relevant.

Mr. DEACHMAN: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, we have a motion before us and we have an amendment to that motion. Mr. Byrne is now asking that his amendment be withdrawn. I will not consent to the withdrawal of his amendment. I would like to see the amendment voted upon.

Mr. RYAN: I should like to speak on the amendment as well, Mr. Chairman. I support the amendment vigorously if it will have the effect of preventing Dr. Kindt from continuing this undeserved attack upon the Chairman.

Mr. KINDT: Just one moment, please. I take serious objection to that statement made by my hon. friend. After all I am just one member of this committee and I want to see that the proper evidence is brought before this committee so that we can make a reasonable determination. I am willing to make suggestions and offer my considerations if and when I am given an opportunity to do so.

Mr. DEACHMAN: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order—

Mr. KINDT: Just one moment, I am speaking.

Mr. DEACHMAN: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, my point of order simply is that there is an amendment before this committee and I should like to know whether Dr. Kindt is discussing the amendment to the motion.

Mr. KINDT: That is exactly what I am doing.

Mr. RYAN: He is telling us the story of his past life.

Mr. KINDT: The amendment suggests that I be singled out to attend the meetings of the steering committee. I feel that the bias which has been evident up to this time should be eliminated, and must be eliminated if we are going to attain the proper results. I am trying to suggest to the members of this committee that we now have a witness before us giving evidence, and we can all either support or reject the recommendations of the steering committee after we have concluded our deliberations. Until the present time I