

(c) And, what steps, if any, it would be advisable to take or to recommend for the purpose of preserving in Canada respect for the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms; and that they may be considered in the order (a), (c) and (b).

2. That with respect to heading (a) the Committee give immediate consideration to the Draft International Declaration on Human Rights forwarded to the Government by the Secretary-General of United Nations with a view to recommending whether Canada should subscribe to such a declaration and, if so, whether in the form submitted or in some other form.

3. That consideration be given to the Draft International Covenant on Human Rights and the Suggestions for Implementation forwarded to the Government by the Secretary-General of United Nations, but that such consideration be deferred at least until it is known what disposition is to be made of these documents this year by United Nations and, if possible, until headings (b) and (c) have been considered by the Committee.

4. That officers of the appropriate agency of United Nations and of the Department of External Affairs be called to advise the Committee as to the significance and effect of the Declaration, Covenant and Implementation provisions and as to the proposed disposition of these documents by United Nations.

With reference to the hearing of Mr. J. P. Humphrey, Secretary, Commission on Human Rights, it is learned that his duties will not permit him to come to Ottawa at this time. This question will be reviewed at a later date.

It is recommended that the Committee now proceed with the hearing of Mr. R. G. Riddell, First Political Division, and Mr. E. R. Hopkins, Legal Division, Department of External Affairs, in relation to paragraph 4.

Your Committee also took note of the following:

- (a) Consideration of communications received from deans of law schools and provincial attorneys-General in reply to the following questions submitted to them by last year's Committee, namely, "The power of the Parliament of Canada to enact a comprehensive Bill of Rights. . . ."
- (b) The hearing of representations from interested organizations.
- (c) Senator Roebuck's suggestion, namely, that the Steering Committee take under consideration the question of inviting the provinces to co-operate in the procedure by which a bill or declaration of rights may be attained.

It was agreed that a decision on these questions should be deferred for the time being.

It was also agreed that subsequent procedure be reviewed from time to time by the Steering Committee as the work of the Committee progresses.

On motion of the Senator Turgeon, the said report was concurred in.

It was order that copies of the following United Nations documents relating to the Commission on Human Rights be obtained and distributed to members:

- (i) Economic and Social Council, E/CN. 4/82, 16 April, 1948
- (ii) Economic and Social Council, E/CN. 4/82 Rev. 1, 22nd April 1948.
- (iii) Economic and Social Council E/CN. 4/82/Add. 1, 16th April, 1948.
- (iv) Economic and Social Council, E/CN. 4/82/Add. 2, 22nd April, 1948.