

Mr. ORLIKOW: Mr. Chairman, I support that motion, but I just want to enter a slight reservation. I do not disagree with what Mr. Watson has said about making the trip to St. Regis and Caughnawaga in one day because they are so close that if members of the Committee are not satisfied that they have seen enough they can very easily go back, either as a committee or as individuals, but I am very skeptical about the proposed itinerary that I saw previously. I am skeptical about a two- or three-hour visit to a reserve. We have to remember, as Mr. Barnett has said, that the first thing you do when you go is to get some idea of the physical features of the land, the housing accommodation, and so on. That is going to take an hour or an hour and a half. Then it is the courteous and proper thing to spend some time with the superintendent, or the Indian agent, and with the band council.

We have found out from reports during the last year from every province that there are marches and meetings of groups of Indians who are dissatisfied with what has been done. I am not saying that they are necessarily correct, but I want to have enough time, if I make the trip, to have a look at the reserves, to hear the people who have been, and are, the leaders of the bands and also to hear the views of the people who are dissatisfied. If we do not do that there is no point in making the trip. You can get it all in the formal reports which we have been getting all year. I would like the steering committee to keep in mind—

I would prefer, Mr. Chairman, to cut down the number of reserves which we visit and to see a representative group in depth than to see many reserves but for only a very short period of time.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr. Orlikow, you can rest assured of that. We have had quite a discussion on that principle, and I do not think that there is anyone here who does not feel the same.

Mr. WATSON (*Châteauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie*): May I add something to what Mr. Orlikow has said?

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. WATSON (*Châteauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie*): It also applies to what Mr. Barnett said.

We should instruct the department that when they are making arrangements for our visits they should ask the local chief or with whoever they communicate, to arrange that we have a meeting with all interested parties on the reserve, and that everyone on the reserve should attend as they did in the north. I think we should have a public meeting everywhere we go.

Mr. BALDWIN: Surely the chairmen of the subcommittees, too, should have something to say about this. We should outline the general plan, but I think the chairmen of the subcommittees—

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: As the subcommittees are set up, Mr. Baldwin, we can get together and make arrangements that will meet with the approval of the subcommittee in that area.

Mr. MORE (*Regina City*): Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, the intention is to have three subcommittees?

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: This is Mr. Baldwin's suggestion.