

the delegation by Governmental Departments or by representatives of local trade and industry. It was possible that members might have other views on this matter and he therefore invited their comments.

PUBLICITY

3. It was recommended by the Chairman and agreed unanimously, that members should refrain from issuing individual statements to the press and radio regarding the work of the delegation, and that any releases which it might be considered necessary to issue in this respect should be distributed through the Office of the Secretary.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

4. Mr. Smallwood suggested that, in view of the fact that the delegation had no definite Terms of Reference as such, it might be helpful to members in enabling them to determine as exactly as possible the nature of the duties of the delegation, if they could be supplied with copies of the statements issued by the United Kingdom Government, the Government of Canada and the Commission of Government following the Referendum of July 22nd. The Secretary was instructed to attend accordingly.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5. Mr. McEvoy stated that before going to Ottawa, or in fact, before attempting to enter into any discussions whatsoever with the Canadian Government relative to Confederation, he personally wished and intended to be fully and completely informed regarding the impact, on the future economy of the proposed Province of Newfoundland, of any final terms eventually agreed upon between the Government of Canada and the delegation. In his opinion this would require a vast amount of preliminary work regarding technical and financial matters, the expert assistance for which was not available in Newfoundland. He therefore recommended the immediate setting up of an Advisory Committee to assist the delegation, consisting of (i) one member from the United States experienced in government financing (ii) two members from Canada to advise on matters relative to provincial financing and (iii) two representatives of Newfoundland trade and industry. A memorandum[†] was submitted by Mr. McEvoy to the Chairman, and copies circulated to members, suggesting possible personnel under (i) and (ii) above.

6. The recommendations made by Mr. McEvoy evoked considerable discussion. There was general agreement on the desirability of obtaining expert advice but there was some difference of opinion as to whether a Committee such as suggested by him should be appointed before the delegation had actually encountered problems with which it was unable to deal either on its own or in consultation with local experts both in the Government and outside, or whether it should await the delegation's study of the information presently available after which it would be in a better position to determine just what problems existed and what steps should be taken to deal with them.

7. Following a thorough examination of the whole question, it was agreed, at the suggestion of the Chairman, that the matter should be deferred temporarily and that in the meantime, the delegation should proceed with its study of the