

Mr. GREEN: In other words, then, you are replacing the stenographic staff?

The CHAIRMAN: No, no, no. Anyway, all this question will come up for discussion at a later stage when the report on this experiment is prepared; whether or not it will be acceptable is up to the members to decide and neither for me nor the steering committee. Please, gentlemen—nor for the the steering committee of this committee to decide. It would have to be decided by the Committee on House Procedure. That committee would have to decide on such things and not us.

Mr. KNOWLES: We have never heard of it in that committee.

The CHAIRMAN: No, no, no. This is an experimental thing. It has never been brought before any committee. But after the result of this experiment has been studied a report on it will be submitted to the Committee on House Procedure.

Mr. COLDWELL: Why not try it out this morning after the first ten or fifteen minutes of discussion and then have the recording played back for us?

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think I would like the first ten or fifteen minutes because I would be too often on the record. I think that the first ten minutes of the evidence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs would be better.

Mr. COLDWELL: No. It is the discussion we want to hear. We want to see if we get the interjections correctly on this machine.

The CHAIRMAN: At the moment we have with us the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Gentlemen, I do not think we will be able to carry on the proceedings if every member speaks at the same time. I am very sorry, but I would like to have as much silence as possible.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has been asked to come here this morning, and has agreed to be at our disposal from 11.00 to 12.20, because he had a prior engagement at 12.20. So if you are agreeable, the minister will now be called in.

Mr. COLDWELL: Could we have the steering committee settled first?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. COLDWELL: I move that we set up a steering committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that was agreed, and Mr. Low said that the choice of the committee would be made by the chairman along with representatives of the parties.

Mr. COLDWELL: Well, if it is already settled, that is perfect.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is agreed.

Mr. GREEN: One more question about this tape recorder: I understand that these recordings can be broadcast if you so wish.

The CHAIRMAN: No, no; they will never be broadcast.

Mr. GREEN: But they can be broadcast. Isn't that right?

The CHAIRMAN: They could be, but they will not be because it will not be the intention. Any decision concerning this recording system will have to be made by the Committee on House Procedure. But it is not the intention to use these recordings for broadcast.

Mr. GREEN: No; but it could be done?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I think so.

Mr. GREEN: These tape recordings could be broadcast.

The CHAIRMAN: They could be, I suppose.

Mr. GREEN: So you are putting the committee in the position where they could be broadcast if somebody decided they should be broadcast?

The CHAIRMAN: Nobody can decide that until the Committee on House Procedure so reported and the House approved; and I doubt very much if the