

Mr. DECORE: Mr. Chairman I think your reply should be that they should make representations to the Politburo.

The CHAIRMAN: I will ask for the mover to withdraw the resolution.

Mr. GAUTHIER (*Portneuf*): Why waste time with these people. We have had enough of that correspondence with these people and it ought to stop with Endicott in Canada. I think we should take a vote on that motion of Mr. Goode's and stick to it.

The CHAIRMAN: If the mover and seconder do not intend to withdraw the resolution—

Mr. STICK: What is the wording of the resolution?

The CHAIRMAN: The wording of the resolution is "that the Canadian Peace Congress be not heard by the standing committee on external affairs".

Mr. McCUSKER: If we defeat that resolution it means we must hear them.

The CHAIRMAN: "That the Canadian Peace Congress be not heard by the standing committee on external affairs."

Mr. McCUSKER: I think we should give these gentlemen a little while to frame their resolution.

Mr. CROLL: Let me just say that a month ago the communist leaders made an application to be heard before the Senate with respect to the criminal code. The Senate did hear them. It did not do them much good but they were heard. Frankly the Senate rose in my estimation and I feel better about hearing them rather than not hearing them. This committee has always been a non-political body. I do not think we should go on record as refusing to hear anyone who has something to say.

Mr. GAUTHIER (*Portneuf*): We are not in the same position as the Senate.

Mr. CROLL: I do not think we are in the same position. We would like to be in that position—some of us.

Hon. MEMBER: Speak for yourself, Dave.

Mr. GAUTHIER (*Portneuf*): I mean Endicott and his friends.

Mr. GRAYDON: I think, Mr. Chairman—and when I use this word I hope no one will take any offence—but I do not think we can afford to be in a position of hesitancy about this. I would like to see the motion made by Mr. Goode and seconded by Mr. Gauthier (*Portneuf*) put to a vote. I think we should take a stand once and for all on this and not allow people if they are communist sympathizers to use this committee for their purposes, rather than ours.

The CHAIRMAN: Those in favour of the resolution raise your hands.

Resolution carried.

Now, we will proceed with the next order of business. I suppose we should have Mr. Wilgress make his statement without interruption and then there will be questions after that.

Mr. BATER: Mr. Chairman, now that it has been decided by the resolution as far as hearing these persons is concerned, might I suggest that perhaps the committee will consider a reply to them by yourself.

The CHAIRMAN: We will take that up at the next meeting. I believe we want to hear Mr. Wilgress.

Mr. Dana Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, called:

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, before proceeding to give you my introductory statement I would like your permission to deal with two matters which Mr. Pearson referred to at the meeting of the committee held last Thursday. You