

their attitude by not attending. In that event they would naturally expect to be replaced, and that is one reason, which I mentioned the other day, why we want our meetings to start on time. I think you made the suggestion the other day, Mr. Batten, which was accepted by everybody, that we will arrange these meetings with an objective for each particular meeting, so that we will not be wandering all over the field. Would that be satisfactory to the members of the committee?

Mr. BATTEN: That does get me back to the point. The thing I am worried about is that we rare going to have a lot of meetings of this committee. For someone whose business, for instance, is on the broadcasting committee or on the veterans affairs committee it would be difficult to come to too many meetings of this committee. The fact that he has to attend some other important committee should not be taken as a measure of his attitude.

The CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that. How would it be if we try and work this out within the steering committee? We will be quite agreeable to having every member, if at all possible, because we want to make this committee a success. We have a lot of work to do, but it will be all right to have a meeting maybe this afternoon or tomorrow, of the steering committee. We will then clean up some of the details that have come up this morning.

Mr. BATTEN: Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Will someone move the adoption of the report?

Moved by Mr. Slogan, seconded by Mr. Dumas; agreed to.

Mr. BEST: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I missed something, but I am wondering what the procedure is for today and tomorrow regarding our meetings?

The CHAIRMAN: I am sorry. How long will this brief take?

Mr. W. M. GILCHRIST (*President, Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited*): It will take well over an hour, or an hour and a half, to read.

Mr. BEST: Is it the intention to read the appendices also? I am following along the line of Mr. Drysdale's comments that this might be read this afternoon without questioning.

The CHAIRMAN: If the witness has not finished the brief this morning, including the appendices, would it be satisfactory to call a meeting for this afternoon to have that completed without any questioning.

Mr. BEST: Yes.

Mr. BATTEN: That is all right.

Mr. DUMAS: If so, would you permit one question of Mr. Gilchrist now?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. DUMAS: The rumours on the street this morning are to the effect that the United Kingdom is considering refusing deliveries of uranium from Canada. Is there any truth to this rumour?

Mr. GILCHRIST: There is no truth in the refusing. As you can well understand there have been discussions going on due to the over-production of uranium. There have been discussions going on now for years actually as to ways and means whereby the purchasers might reduce their current commitments and perhaps their overall commitments. However, they have not refused to honour our firm contracts to date.

Mr. DUMAS: What prompted my question was an article this morning in the *Northern Miner* to the effect that rumours that the United Kingdom is giving consideration to possible means of refusing to accept delivery of Canadian uranium are becoming prevalent on the street.

Mr. GILCHRIST: The contracts we have are firm.

Mr. DRYSDALE: Is it the intention to file any of these contracts for the information of the committee?