

Mr. DRYER: Neither.

Mr. WOOLLIAMS: Why was he removed? What was the reason he was removed?

Mr. DRYER: I think this is outside the terms of reference; but I will tell you, so far as I am concerned, why I removed him.

Mr. WOOLLIAMS: I think it is important.

Mr. DRYER: Yes, I know, but I really think it is outside the terms of reference. However, I will tell you why and that is because I became satisfied that we could not have accomplished our objective if he had been there.

Mr. WOOLLIAMS: And what was your objective? What did you have in mind?

Mr. DRYER: To restore democracy to the S.I.U.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions on this particular section?

Mr. NIELSEN: Mr. A. Hope, I believe, is the executive assistant to the trustees?

Mr. DRYER: He was at one time later executive director.

Mr. NIELSEN: Is he available to be called as a witness?

Mr. DRYER: That is a matter for you gentlemen to consider.

Mr. NIELSEN: I am asking if he is available?

The CHAIRMAN: Do you mean is he physically available?

Mr. NIELSEN: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Again I think I would have to entertain argument one way or the other on whether it is in the terms of reference.

Mr. NIELSEN: Then perhaps I had better put this question to you. Do you know of any occasion, Judge Dryer, where Mr. Hope said that you, the trustees, would amend the constitution in any regard in respect of the forthcoming election held last September?

Mr. DRYER: No.

Mr. NIELSEN: If I told you that he had said such a thing what would be your reaction?

Mr. DRYER: I would say that that is an improper question to put to a witness.

Mr. NIELSEN: It opens up, Mr. Chairman, the need to call Mr. Hope. I have another question on Mr. Hope. Do you know of any occasion where Mr. Hope said that whoever won the election would be removed anyway to make room for Mr. McLaughlin.

The CHAIRMAN: Before the Judge answers that question, is that not a little different question?

Mr. NIELSEN: Pardon me. You see, in a court I would not ask it but I must anticipate the possibility of being ruled out of order in calling Mr. Hope.

The CHAIRMAN: I think you have no right to presume that the Chair will rely on the majority. Your question is hearsay in so far as Mr. Hope is concerned. Someone has told you what Mr. Hope said. I have tried to be lenient with you because I feel perhaps I was a little harsh with you earlier. Now I believe I have evened the score.

Mr. NIELSEN: Did you attend the majority of the general meetings in Montreal of the S.I.U.?

Mr. DRYER: No. I have never attended any general meetings of the S.I.U.

Mr. NIELSEN: Did you ever receive any instructions in connection with the operation of the S.I.U. from any member of the government?