

humanly possible to do over there. I got the impression that when we were handed the first memorandum that they considered that the whole matter was closed. The answers were put before us when we sat down at the first meeting and we were supposed to discuss them intelligently.... But it seemed as if they said, "There's your answer. We will take you here and there, and we will meet again before you go back, and say goodbye", but we were not having that and immediately studied the memorandum and shot back another memorandum in answer to theirs. Their answer was a flat, "No, we have said what we have said, and can do nothing more in the matter." Your action in sending a delegation to London and raising all these points will redound to the good of this country, which you love and which you serve.

Mr. Keough Mr. Chairman, now that all the other members of the London delegation have said what they had to say, that leaves only the Walrus to have further things to say about this delegation of tribunes of the people which recently went up to London to beard the Dominions Secretary in his den.

I wish to dissociate myself completely from all the petty furore about the delegation's not being treated with due deference in London. As far as I am concerned we were. We were received in right good spirit and were extended many courtesies. Anyone with an opinion to the contrary must have been expecting a salute of guns and red plush carpets. It is utterly ridiculous that I should have to go into this matter. The treatment we received was quite considerate, and I am appreciative of the courtesies extended. However, there seems to have been such a furore here at home that I feel I should have somewhat more to say. I remember what happened in London this way. On arrival at Heathrow we were met by Rear Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley, who welcomed us on behalf of the Secretary of State, and then conducted through Immigration and Customs with diplomatic immunity. In that there was no discourtesy. Next we were driven in special cars to our hotel. There, some delay was occasioned on the doorstep because, through some misunderstanding, the hotel management had us booked for two days subsequently. However, the difficulty was ironed out and those of us who wished to moved into the hotel forthwith. In any

case, the delay at the hotel did not involve, as far as I was concerned, any discourtesy, merely a misunderstanding....

I am quite satisfied, too, that every effort was made to secure for the delegation the best possible accomodations. We arrived in London at a time of a great influx of visitors. Besides ourselves, there were some 15 other delegations in London for consultations with the United Kingdom government. There were buyers there to attend the British Industrial Fair. And there were fans from all over the United Kingdom to attend the soccer and rugby cup tie finals. Lodgings were not at a premium, they were just simply unobtainable. We were advised by responsible officials that every effort had been made to secure the best accomodations available. I believe them. I was quite comfortable, and the food was adequate. Incidentally, a New Zealand delegation was housed in the same hotel shortly before our arrival, and as far as I know found no reason to work themselves up into an international incident about their accomodations.

The officials of the Dominions Office went out of their way to make our visit a pleasant one. Cars were put at our disposal. A tour of London was arranged. Tickets were procured for those of us who wished to attend the rugby finals and a showing of A.P. Herbert's new play. Arrangements were made for us to sit in the Dominions' Gallery during a session of the House of Commons. We were entertained at luncheon at the Savoy Hotel. The prime minister took time out to meet the delegation informally in the cabinet chamber at 10 Downing Street. In all of these goings-on I saw no evidence of discourtesy no reason to be insulted. And that I hope will dispose of the discourtesy myth forever. There is this much more that needs to be said of the furore that was raised here at home about our reception. I have often heard of a mountain being made of a molehill. This was the first time I have seen an international incident made of a molehill. Shakespeare was a piker. From us he could have learned things he never knew about how to make much ado about nothing.

Turning now to the results that came of the London mission. I think I should review the powers that were conferred on the London delegation by motion of this Convention for it was on interpretation of function that dissension