

exclusion of all others. There is no difference in principle.

Mr. Chairman I see your point.

Mr. Bradley My suggestion is that if Mr. Higgins has no intention of excluding discussion on other forms...

Mr. Chairman I can assure you he has not.

Mr. Bradley Whether it was designed intentionally or not, I cannot say. I can not see into Mr. Higgins' mind any more than into his digestion.

Mr. Higgins You saw into it this afternoon.

Mr. Bradley My suggestion to Mr. Higgins is this, that he alter it to read "That Commission government and responsible government be submitted to the people at the referendum." That would cover the whole thing and it would leave the field free for any other forms.

Mr. Chairman In view of that fact, can we not get out of this difficult situation?

Mr. Vardy As seconder of Mr. Higgins' motion, I do not see, frankly, there is anything there from which we should withdraw. I have been looking at it from all angles. I would like to ask, what would be the position if Mr. Higgins' motion recommended responsible government and confederation with Canada, and left out Commission of Government?

Mr. Bradley Same thing. It would be equally objectionable.

Mr. Vardy I wonder would you have taken the same objection?

Mr. Bradley Yes, definitely so.

Mr. Chairman Frankly, I was worried. Mr. Bradley brought it to my attention first and then he was followed by Mr. Hollett. In view of the circumstances, it appears now that if I accepted the motion it would be cutting off any discussion on the next motion, I would have to rule under order 34 that you could not deal with Mr. Smallwood's motion. I do not want to be put in that position. I am not going to be put in that position.

Mr. Higgins Do I take it that if I change this resolution to "The following forms of government (responsible government and Commission of Government) be placed before the people in the national referendum" we can still carry on the debate? Still vote on it tonight? Still save the people \$1,000 a day?

Mr. Chairman Yes.

Mr. Higgins Then I will change it.

Mr. Cashin If I might interject a word. We met in private session and decided all this. I do not think there was any intention in Mr. Higgins' motion to preclude any other form of government whatever. As a matter of fact, we decided at the private meeting we were going to end this tonight and the other one was going to start right away. You cannot say that there was any scheming or any skulduggery intended. I am quite behind the idea that we should discuss other forms, and I suppose I am probably the most ardent one-form-government man in here.

Mr. Chairman I must say, frankly, that it never occurred to me.

Mr. Hollett I want it to be clearly understood, as far as this motion is concerned, I never bothered about the form until last night when I got inquiring into it, and I came to the conclusion that if it was passed as such, the introduction of any motion on any other form would be *ultra vires*. I tried to explain that to the best of my ability. I do not want anyone to insinuate that I or anyone else was trying to keep this, that and the other form off the ballot paper.

Mr. Chairman On the contrary, you went out of your way to bring it to my attention. Frankly you did me a very great service. As a result of what was decided last Friday, it did not occur to me that there was anything wrong. I was not bothering with it at all until Mr. Bradley first drew it to my attention and he was followed by you. Since that time I have been thinking about it.

Mr. Higgins The motion now is, "Be it resolved that the National Convention desires to recommend to the United Kingdom government that the following forms of government be placed before the people at the proposed referendum, namely:

1. Responsible government as it existed prior to 1934;
2. Commission of Government."

Mr. Hickman Do we have to debate that all over again?

Mr. Chairman No. It is not an amendment, it is a substitution.

Mr. Bradley It is a substitution with the assent of the whole House.

Mr. Chairman Members who have already spoken on this motion (with the exception of Mr. Higgins who has the right to reply) have no further right to speak on the motion.

Mr. Bailey In voting on this, do we vote on all