

**Mr. Chairman** It is their intention to bring in all workers, including stevedores and loggers within the next few months, they say. Beyond that there is nothing official.

**Mr. Hollett** Is that official?

**Mr. Chairman** The Black Book is official from the Government of Canada.

**Mr. Hollett** The Black Book is not from the Government of Canada. A lot of it is from Mr. J.R. Smallwood, one of the members of the National Convention. I believe there are some statements made by that delegation who went to Canada, relative to the public buildings in this country. I believe they made an estimate or value of public buildings in this country. I just happened to run down through the list. I know there is a public building in Springdale, which cost this country \$16,000, not listed there; a public building in Grand Falls not listed, a public building in Burin not listed there. So if the Black Book is official, then I want to know who is responsible for making these errors. In my opinion this is not more official than Joseph R. Smallwood. If I can point out just briefly errors in that Black Book, am I going to ask the people of this country to accept that as official? I put that before you, sir, and I say these Black Books are not official and I shall not regard them as official. I shall regard this Grey Book as official from the Government of Canada, nothing else.

**Mr. Chairman** My position is, these Black Books are to be employed by members, that was settled once and for all this afternoon. It appears, Mr. Hollett, the opinion I had taken on the matter was not universally shared, and it was decided by this House that these Black Books are to be referred to, and whether they are quasi-official or otherwise, it is a matter of indifference to me. If there are misstatements, it will be the right of members to draw the attention of the Chairman to them, and if you do not mind, Mr. Hollett, take your seat, please!.... My ruling is that these Black Books may be referred to. If there is anything in the Black Books that is incorrect for any reason, it is perfectly within the competence of any member to say it is, and to express his reasons.

**Mr. Hollett** I am sorry, I was not here this afternoon when you made that ruling.

**Mr. Chairman** The Convention made it.

**Mr. Hollett** Is it the decision of the Chair that these Black Books are to be regarded as official?

**Mr. Chairman** I do not know that you want to use that term. It was decided by the Convention that they should be reverted to freely by members, including Mr. Smallwood...

**Mr. Hollett** Majority of the Convention?

**Mr. Chairman** Unanimous wish, if I may.... I have concluded and I think quite correctly, that members have tacitly if not expressly consented to the free use of these books. Therefore I am not called upon to rule whether they are official or not...

**Mr. Hollett** You have not given any decision as to whether or not these books are to be regarded as official?

**Mr. Chairman** I have not.

**Mr. Hollett** Thank you. In this connection I would say there are glaring instances of falsifying...

**Mr. Chairman** Not that.

**Mr. Hollett** What shall I say?

**Mr. Chairman** Inaccuracies.

**Mr. Hollett** Inaccuracies. Look at these books with a certain amount of care. Mr. Smallwood will get up now and say they are official. I tell you if they are official then they lie. Therefore I am asking you to make no decision whatsoever.

**Mr. Chairman** I am relieved of the responsibility of making the decision. The House has taken the matter out of my hands, therefore I am not compelled to make a pronouncement....

*[Short recess]*

**Mr. Job** I was going to ask Mr. Smallwood if he would make it perfectly clear as to whether there is any prospect of including fishermen under the unemployment insurance scheme. It would seem our fishermen are practically all employers themselves, they are not employees. I can see it would be difficult to include fishermen working for themselves, and I can understand that men in a boat under wages could be included, but it would not apply even to sharemen, who we are mainly interested in here.

**Mr. Smallwood** I feel like Mr. Job. Fishermen, like farmers, will probably be the last, if ever, to be brought under the scheme. They are not working for annual wages, fixed amounts of pay. They are working as small businessmen on their own, and it would be extremely difficult to bring them in, except fishermen definitely working for wages at any time.... Frankly I think it would be many a day yet, if ever, when the average fisher-