

to me it would be very difficult to say that this is the sort of thing that is going to wreck our society.

Mr. MACDONALD. I did not say anything about essential commodities nor does the telegram. The telegram says that they are ready to arrange for continued rail transport of all shipments necessary. It does not say anything about essential. It says those necessary to our military effort and public health. That seems to me quite a broad offer. And would seem to be in the public interest.

Secretary BOYD. I must defer to the Department of Defense in this area.

Mr. MACDONALD. I just have one last question.

Your predecessor, though not of Cabinet level at that time, Mr. Roosevelt, in 1963, appeared before us and gave some statements in connection with a chart. They are contained in the railroad work rules dispute hearings before this committee. They are found on 959.

If you don't have them, I will not press you now, but I hope you can give an answer to the committee on this. Do you find his statements concerning what a strike does do to be still applicable?

Secretary BOYD. Yes, sir, generally.

Mr. MACDONALD. In other words, you are familiar with them?

Secretary BOYD. Yes, sir.

Mr. MACDONALD. And secondly, you buttress what he said and say, "Yes, he was correct"?

Secretary BOYD. In developing this testimony we looked at the statement which was made by Under Secretary Roosevelt and the Council of Economic Advisers. We attempted to assess the accuracy of those statements and then to relate them to the present. Having done so, we find that they were generally correct and we support them.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Springer.

Mr. SPRINGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

May I say to the Secretary, whom we have known in the past on many other occasions, including as Chairman of the CAB, may I congratulate you on one thing: You are the first public official that I know of in my time, 17 years, who has used both sides of the paper in order to send a statement up here.

I am glad to see there is at least one person in this administration or in Washington, for that matter, whether in the administration or not, who has his eye on economy. If everybody did it in half as much as you have done here, in the same way, we would save a lot of paper and a lot of money for this Government.

Mr. Secretary, I have been much interested in listening to the answers you have given to questions thus far, and I realize that what has been said here with reference to what the brotherhoods are willing to do, as I understand it, in the field of Vietnam and the military effort, and essentials, I take it, would be food and general welfare, and also passenger service—this is my understanding of the three areas—if we were to set them aside and assume that they do all of this, what still would be a problem for the economy?

Would there be any problems then or not?

Secretary BOYD. Yes, sir, I don't think there is any question about that.