

Mr. LINDER. They meet formally twice a year.

Mr. REUSS. For a review of the Bank's operations and prospects for the future as well as to advise on policies?

Mr. LINDER. That is correct.

Mr. REUSS. Then you have got the National Advisory Council on Financial and Monetary Policies setup under the Bretton Woods Act?

Mr. LINDER. That is correct.

Mr. REUSS. They also advise; is that right?

Mr. LINDER. No, that is not quite so. They approve or disapprove of any loans our Board is prepared to do.

Mr. REUSS. Do you mean to say that the National Advisory Council does not advise?

Mr. LINDER. It does to the extent that it gives its consent or disapproval to credits that we propose to authorize. I might say that I cannot think of a single case since I have been in the Bank in which the Advisory Council has not approved a specific loan.

Mr. REUSS. Now, you want to establish an Export Expansion Advisory Committee. That would be a third one.

Mr. LINDER. It will, Mr. Reuss, but I do not anticipate that our advisors are actually going to be multiplied and proliferated, or Parkinsonized, if you will.

Mr. REUSS. What is your reason for saying so?

Mr. LINDER. My reason is that I think that the Secretary of Commerce is unlikely to appear personally at every meeting. I think that the Advisory Committee meetings may take at the most an hour or so a week for Mr. McQuade, or his successor, and Mr. Petty, or his successor, possibly Mr. Sauer or one of our Bank directors, to sit down and consider, say, five cases which we do not believe the Bank can do under its regular program, but which could be considered under the new criteria. They would have to consider perhaps a two page memorandum on each of them, which would contain the salient facts. They would then give us their reactions and advice.

Now, Mr. McQuade might very likely tell us that in Iran if we do not sell those automobiles, Mercedes or somebody else is going to sell them, that he, therefore, thinks that we ought to take that risk even though we cannot get an adequate balance sheet.

Mr. REUSS. You said the Secretary of Commerce would not appear.

Mr. LINDER. I would think his designee would sit on a regular basis rather than he.

Mr. REUSS. That, too, is my objection to all these Parkinson-like committees. Here in the President's message it says there shall be "an export expansion advisory committee chaired by the Secretary of Commerce," and now you tell me he is not going to show up—which is undoubtedly what happens.

Mr. LINDER. Is it not normal that the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Defense must delegate authority and responsibility? Mr. McQuade is a very able person.

Mr. REUSS. If you want a committee set up, tell us who is going to sit on it so we know who to go to.

Mr. LINDER. I have tried to do that.

Mr. REUSS. But this business of putting in titular authorities, who obviously do not have the time to do the job is Parkinsonian. It