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of the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings. While I think his ideas are a bit wacky on some questions I know that, like the members of this group, he is a good, thorough, Canadian democrat and wants all sides of every question discussed. Before I say another word or two, may I say that I have had complete assurance from the hon. member for Comox-Alberni that he will follow his usual practice and when he sends *Hansard* to his constituents covering this debate he will draw particular attention to the remarks by the member for Lethbridge. He does that on all questions, as the majority of us in this group do.

I want to refer to a gentleman who is well known in Canada, and who speaks quite frequently on the C.B.C. on matters of political and public interest. He has been doing that this last winter, and a person who is in the habit of listening to him wrote him for an exchange of ideas with regard to China. I now read the letter this gentleman who speaks on the radio wrote in reply. It reads:

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am in receipt of your treatise regarding trading with the new China.

Frankly, I don't think you go far enough. My knowledge of the Chinese people has been that they have never, until recently, entered into a war of aggression. They have, over the centuries, accepted exploitation and conquest with equanimity and, as the years have passed, have absorbed their conquerors and made all of them good Chinese. I sincerely hope that in the future China will continue in her ways of the past.

We of British Columbia and Canada are faced with one incontrovertible fact and that is that there are 600 million people who require the goods and services that will bring them to the point where they have an equal standard of living to that which we enjoy in Canada. We, in Canada, and specifically in British Columbia, are in the position to assist these people to acquire that standard of living. Every effort we can make in this direction is of the utmost importance in the welfare of the world and therefore we would ask all those who come in contact with the necessity for trading with China to give this matter their serious consideration.

Forget that there have been differences in opinion! Forget that one country or another has been labelled an aggressor! Just remember that all the people of this world are the peoples of one world; that no matter how we may assess values those values only have significance when they are applied to the needs and requirements of the human beings who inhabit this world. Religious belief, the colour of the skin, racial origin, have no significance; the only thing that matters is that we, as human beings, have a wonderful earth at our disposal and that every effort we put forth should be directed to developing the marvels of this world for the use of the human beings that inhabit it. I earnestly commend a study of human relationships and an acceptance of the fact that we must all live together.

Does the hon. member for Lethbridge agree with those sentiments?

Mr. Blackmore: Certainly I agree with those sentiments.

[Mr. Herridge.]

Mr. Hansell: But we believe it can be done without the communists.

Mr. Blackmore: Does my hon. friend believe that we ought to come under Russia before too long? That is what the C.B.C. is working for.

Mr. Herridge: Certainly not. I may say this letter was written by Mr. Thomas J. Irwin, speaker of the legislature of British Columbia.

Mr. Low: There are two or three questions I want to ask the minister further to those I asked this morning, and I appreciate the answers that he gave. Let me hasten to say now that if I was mistaken in interpreting his answers last night as being flippant and rather smart aleck, then I certainly apologize. It did seem to me the answers I had last night were of the flippant and rather smart aleck type. However, I take his word for it when he says he did not intend them that way. I accept that, and I apologize if I imputed any wrong motives to him.

There is one thing I should like to have if the minister would give it to me. He suggested this morning that the radio drama, "We Shall not be Moved", cost \$3,500. Does that mean in fees only, out of pocket expenses or, as I suggested earlier, does it also include network costs, properties and all that sort of thing.

Mr. McCann: It does not include network costs because that cost goes on anyway, whether or not it is used.

Mr. Low: Yes, I understand that.

Mr. McCann: What I gave is exactly what I said, out of pocket expenses.

Mr. Low: Can the minister find out from the C.B.C. people who sit in front of him what the estimated network cost would be, because let us never forget that that time, from nine o'clock to eleven p.m., is very valuable time that would gladly be purchased by many advertisers in this country who would pay very large fees to get it. I should like to have from the minister an estimate of the value of the time and the cost of the facilities involved in putting over this network play.

Mr. McCann: I am afraid it is almost impossible at this stage to give a definite figure on that because our trans-Canada costs, so far as wire facilities are concerned, are all on a 10-year basis. It is rather difficult to figure out what they cost for an hour or two. Otherwise the out of pocket costs usually include all the overhead, the hiring of performers and things like that.