

Following audiences with the Executive Vice-President and the President, the Supervisor refused to accept this and had to be relieved of his function. The President said that Management was planning to re-assign the employee involved to another post. He felt this was a most unhappy development in view of the concern about programming responsibility vis-à-vis national unity and the possibility that in any public confrontation the employee could claim that he was in fact fighting for this cause while the administration had been against him. The President noted that informal discussions with representatives of the Government have been held to explain this situation and it was generally agreed that the employee had exercised bad judgment in this instance.

(3) Controversial Programming

Among the recent programs that have caused some concern to Management and attracted criticism from the public were the TV documentary entitled "Men of Lunenburg, N.S." presented on the English Television Network; and the second of the two programs dealing with the War Measures Act which went counter to the findings of a national gallop poll which showed that the majority of Canadians interviewed supported the measures taken by the Government in this instance. The program in contrast attempted to register opposition to the already public record prompting strong protests about the validity of the film and once again raising the ability of the producer involved to handle political subjects. As a result, Management has decided that this employee must be encouraged to produce other areas of programming where he has obtained relative success.

FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON TORONTO MINI-CONSOLIDATION

Recapping what had transpired since the last meeting to provide alternative and expanded accommodation in Toronto, the President advised that Management had, as instructed by the Board, proceeded to lease 35,575 square feet of space at 111 Gerrard Street and to sublet 1,900 square feet of space at 800 Bay Street. Likewise as agreed to at the last meeting, Management had re-examined the 60 Bloor Street proposal but did not pursue this. Rather, the Corporation has located accommodation of approximately the same footage (35,000 square feet) at a lower cost in a newly completed building at 1255 Bay Street. While being slightly less functional and requiring that the staff be located throughout five floors instead of two as would have been the case in the Bloor Street proposal, after careful re-examination of the two alternatives and the inherent risk that is involved because of the inexperienced Management of this new building, the Corporation has proceeded to take an option on leasing this latter space. The rental saving between \$1.00 and \$1.50 per square foot brings the new accommodation in line with the cost of the original proposal to lease property at 10 Wellesley, the first choice which had to be abandoned in favour of another tenant. The President was optimistic that this fact would help in the seeking of Treasury Board approval which is required before January 31, 1972. Management will follow this up with Treasury Board to ensure that the transaction can be completed by this deadline.

TORONTO CONSOLIDATION

The President advised that the Corporation's submission on the question of land transfers with the CNR has been approved by the Secretary of State. This has subsequently been transmitted to Treasury Board and word is awaited on their concurrence. In a letter from Mr. Pelletier to the President, the Secretary of State indicated that while he was approving the recommendation for the land exchange, he was not committing himself as to the timing or nature of the Toronto consolidation project. The President felt this caveat may have been prompted by the CRTC's reservations about the priority that should be given to accelerating the completion of coverage. In a subsequent reply the Corporation underlined that it recognized that the authority applied just to the acquisition of the land and accepted this stipulation. Management will be following this up with Treasury Board to determine the progress of the property transactions.