

those charged with conspiracy to cause a riot in Chicago, and starred him in a film. Is that the idea of Canadian culture that the people of Canada are paying for? Is that what the CRTC has in mind? The utterly disgraceful situation is that money voted by this chamber to the National Film Board and the CBC has been squandered. Rather than producing Canadian culture, they have produced hydra-headed monstrosities, neither Canadian nor American and certainly not recognizable as culture of any description.

The best show on Canadian television today is on the French network, called "Moi et l'Autre". It is a very amusing comedy and a very Canadian production of which any Canadian can be proud. I say, then, that the Canadian content provision is simply a device whereby the CRTC hopes to tighten the screws on already grovelling Canadian broadcasters. If they do not toe the line, they will simply be told their culture content does not measure up. This is a purely totalitarian approach. It is the same approach used by Dr. Goebbels when he threatened people with the awful charge of non-Aryanism. Here we have non-Canadianism. Broadcasters will be threatened with an undefined, undefinable crime as a result of which their licence to broadcast can be arbitrarily removed. If necessary, this Parliament should take action completely to remove the power of the CRTC to ban cablevision in Canada and, secondly, to reduce the Canadian content requirement to the point where it becomes a useful and practical expression of nationalism and not a club to keep the broadcasters in line.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to quote from an editorial which appeared in the *Montreal Gazette* of May 28, 1970. It reads in part:

There is a danger of contrived Canadianism in the new climate of nationalism in which the CRTC, in common with some other government agencies and with half of the federal cabinet itself, is working. In broadcasting, this takes the form of images and impressions designed to suggest that the homely social and cultural realities of Canada are more different from those of the United States than they actually are.

It goes on:

The fact is that the CRTC is engaged in the business of trying to create something that broadcasting cannot create, namely a genuine sense of Canadian identity. Broadcasting can only reflect this sense to the degree that it freely exists in society.

And further:

The CRTC's obsession is summed up by the chairman, Pierre Juneau, who says the commission wants to "allow Canadians to see the world through the eyes of Canadians, not through someone else's

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eyes." What really matters, whether you are looking at social situations, international problems or Expo 70, is that you be given a clear and honest view, unmodified by nationality.

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I do not think there has been such an anti-labour bias in a government since the Winnipeg general strike of 50 years ago. It is a sad night to hear in this House of Commons the Minister of Consumer and Affairs (Mr. Basford) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson), who have always prided themselves on and paraded themselves as being friends of labour, make such a biased attack on labour in Canada. When the Minister of Finance says he is determined to break the back of inflation in this country, this should really be translated, in terms of its practical effect, into saying that he is determined to break the back of the working man in this country.

I listened with interest to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in his flight of fancy and his attack on the New Democratic Party in which he said it has frustrated the will of the government. For years the Liberal Party has been in large part living off the ideas generated in this party. At no time did they ever have the courtesy to give some credit to the work done and the advice offered by this party. Now they try to justify the failure of their policy by saying that our small group has frustrated that mighty Liberal party, with its majority, in trying to do something for the country. It was not this party that called for increased unemployment in this country; on the contrary, this party has consistently pointed out that the policies of the government would not work and that unemployment was not an answer. Now, belatedly, there is some faint hope that they also see it this way. Perhaps we should be flattered by the attention paid us tonight, but I am not flattered when it comes from the ignorance that exists on that side of the House.

An hon. Member: Oh, come now.

Mr. Saltzman: Well, I would hardly call your views enlightened. The great Liberal Party, the defender of the marketplace, over and over again has turned to us on this side of the House and said we are interfering with that sacred unit called the marketplace and that we must not play around with it or interfere with it. This government says that prices have to settle themselves and that the struggle in the marketplace for the allocation