

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

Today, Mr. Speaker, they want us to swallow this same pill which has been sugar-coated, without a word of protest.

In presenting rule 75c, the president of the Privy Council (Mr. Macdonald) said that he wanted to ensure a more rational, more logical use of the house's time. This reason is far from being very convincing since it has not won the approval of all opposition parties. The solid bloc which the opposition represents, Mr. Speaker, is proof that it is not in the best interest of Canadians to adopt this measure.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it ten o'clock.

● (9:50 p.m.)

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** It being ten o'clock, a motion to adjourn the house is deemed to have been made and seconded at this time.

[Translation]

### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under standing order 40 deemed to have been moved.

#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION— VANCOUVER—CLOSING OF FRENCH STATION

**Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac):** Mr. Speaker, on June 4 last, I asked the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) if it was true that the French radio station in Vancouver was on the point of being closed?

Before making any comments on the changes that have taken place since I asked my question, let me state the facts, because in Canada, history has taught those who have studied it that in olden days, there was the dispersion of Acadians and the 12 French-speaking employees of the C.B.C. in Vancouver had the impression of going through the same experience.

As a matter of fact, a formal complaint had been lodged with the management of the Crown corporation, to draw their attention to what was happening. For those employees, it seemed like the beginning of the end of the French-language station, CBUF-FM.

At any rate, movers had come to the first floor of the Vancouver Hotel where the French network employees had their offices to move the furniture elsewhere and thus scatter

[Mr. Ricard.]

the team among the large group of English-speaking personnel.

The English network now has 450 employees in British Columbia. For administrative purposes, French-speaking employees come under the British Columbia region. But, according to the policy announced some time ago by the management of the Crown Corporation there are two networks and, in that case, those employees should come under the French network.

The policy which the Director of the English network in that region is trying to apply in Vancouver is therefore contrary to the policy of the Corporation, as stated by the employees who made this information known by telephone.

According to a report, the management felt that a faction was in action. Now, the 14 employees have already signed a first petition in which they object to the break-up. A second petition bearing the signatures of nine of them followed; three people had not signed because one was back in Montreal and a secretary and a technician were on holidays.

The 12 employees put up 20 hours of local production per week, six of which are transmitted over the national network. One of them said, and I quote:

It is important that we work together, to maintain efficiency and also to protect our language. However, we are determined not to let our office furniture be carried away.

Moreover, the employees concerned stated that all those who thought that they would give up their rights can on the contrary be sure that they intend to defend them. As far as I am concerned, I wish also to be on the side of those defenders of the truth, in order that justice be granted to all our people. Otherwise, Canada will no longer exist.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, here is how the incident ended. The employees of the C.B.C.'s French-language station eventually won their battle to stay together and maintain their cultural identity. There was talk of moving members of the CBUF-FM station in an administrative wing with the English-speaking officials, but the announcer André Vigeant said:

We have no intention of moving, except as a group.

A compromise was finally arrived at and the station is to keep on operating. However, we must keep our eyes open and be on the look-out.

I have in hand a statement to put on the order paper. I shall read it to you word for