

To begin, I should like to quote from the section of the Criminal Code which we are discussing, Section 150(2)(c), and I will read that section before I make any further comments. It reads:

(2) Every one commits an offence who knowingly, without lawful justification or excuse, (c) offers to sell, advertises, publishes an advertisement of, or has for sale or disposal any means, instructions, medicine, drug or article intended or represented as a method of preventing conception or causing abortion or miscarriage.

Now, I would point out that the word "any" is in there and this seems to me to be an all-inclusive word. This section then causes the following people to commit offences. I am sure that in Canada every day thousands of doctors give information on contraception to their patients and, according to my reading of the law, they are breaking the law. Perhaps nurses do this. Every time a pharmacist sells any type of contraceptive material he is breaking the law and any time a book store sells books on the subject—these are freely available. I have brought along some samples. Here is a book put out by Ballantine Books Inc., "The Complete Book of Birth Control"; it is edited by Alan F. Guttmacher, a doctor from New York, a very prominent specialist in this field. This is freely available in all stores.

Here is a book I purchased in Montreal—a book in French, "pouvez-vous empêcher la famille" put out by Les Éditions de l'Homme. It deals with all types of contraception so this too would be against the law. I would suggest that clergymen of all faiths also frequently give instruction to young people about to be married. Marriage counselling and the question of family planning comes into these discussions and it would seem to me that this too is against the law as it now stands.

There are other examples which I could quote to you. The Family Planning Association of Toronto puts out a pamphlet which is available in hospitals and in social welfare clinics. It tells where to get help in Toronto on the question of family planning and lists Toronto General Hospital, Totonto Western Hospital, Toronto East General Hospital, New Mount Sinai Hospital, Women's College Hospital, northwestern General Hospital, Grace Hospital and Wellesley Hospital. A similar pamphlet is put out by the Planned Parenthood Association of Ottawa. It mentions that this type of help is available at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, at the General Hospital which is a Roman Catholic hospital and instruction is given there in the rhythm method of birth control, the only type approved by the Church at the present time. It mentions that the Kitchener population reference bureau is a place to which people can write for information. Two weeks ago in *Le Devoir* there appeared an article entitled "Comment obtenir des renseignements sur la planification familiale". The article explained how this information can be obtained from the Family Planning Association of Montreal. A similar article appeared in *La Press* and people in the Montreal association informed me that from these two articles they had 700 replies. The article I mentioned was dated February 15.

A Dr. Mongeau of Montreal runs a medical column in the newspaper *Photo-Journal*, and he offered to supply information on this subject to anyone who wanted it and he informed me on Sunday that he had 400 replies. So that all of this type of thing would appear to be against the law as it presently stands.