

### Non-Canadian Publications

discount it and still find it is a good source of information." Does the government have to protect the public by shielding them from news reports or features it doesn't like? It seems as though this is the case.

I was listening to Canada-AM a short while ago. A prominent provincial Liberal was appearing on a panel discussing newspaper reporting and periodicals in Canada. He was complaining that most newspapers and many periodicals did not act in a responsible manner in reporting the news. He felt the government of Canada should set up a Crown corporation along the lines of the CBC to publish a newspaper throughout Canada in order that Canadians could get a proper view of the news. What a lot of nonsense! Heaven help us if it ever comes about.

Later on, as reported at page 5593, the minister said he did not want to see the continuance of a practice whereby the stories and articles reported in the French language Canadian edition of the *Digest* were translated outside Canada. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that a good deal of the translation of government papers and documents is done in France, or in New Orleans in the United States. If what I am saying is correct, how valid is the minister's statement?

There are many other points I could raise, but I do not wish to repeat what has already been said by other members. I do, however, wish to commend the hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) who gave us a comprehensive review of advertising revenues, circulation figures, capital investment by *Reader's Digest*, employment created by that magazine in the Province of Quebec, and so on. I would also commend for reading by the minister a letter regarding *Reader's Digest* and *Time* circulated to all members by one of his own supporters on the government side, the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt). That hon. member is a writer, and I believe she expresses the fear of many Canadians when she says:

At the very time when free societies are being swallowed up in the Communist thrust to achieve its proclaimed aim—world domination—this action is symbolic of a concerted effort to alienate an old and strong ally and Canada's closest friend, the United States. One wonders if we are not being used by the small but vocal Toronto-based anti-American clique.

This should be read in the light of the statement by Senator Keith Davey when he talks about "a window on the world through American-tinted glass".

I believe in a strong Canadian magazine industry, but it should be an industry which is built on competition, an industry which is based on public demand in terms of content, not of what a few intellectuals think is right for the public to consume. If a magazine is responsible to the wishes of the public and publishes what the readers find interesting and educational, it will be in demand and achieve popularity. Consequently it will be profitable and able to compete on an equal footing with other magazines and periodicals.

In closing I should like to read a letter from a constituent of mine. It is typical of many letters I have received, and I believe it is typical of the feelings of the majority of Canadians. It comes from Mr. H. D. Wilson of Moose Jaw. It is dated March 10, and it reads:

[Mr. Neil.]

Dear Mr. Neil:

This is to advise that as a lifelong subscriber to *Reader's Digest* and *Time* magazine I take a dim view of the government's current effort that may deprive me of my major sources of pleasant, meaningful and informative reading.

I have no reason to feel that either magazine has deliberately omitted anything Canadian that might be newsworthy, pleasurable, entertaining or informative. Both seem to fill the gaps left by Canadian magazines, newspapers, radio and television.

I do not subscribe to either magazine because of their Canadian content but rather for their detail in American and worldwide coverage.

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I would be deeply appreciative of anything you can do to help ensure that these two time honored magazines continue to be available to me and my fellow Canadians.

**Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano):** Mr. Speaker, the sheer volume of mail on the subject of these amendments to section 19 of the Income Tax Act forces me to speak on behalf of my constituents. I am one who has always enjoyed the arrival of my *Time* magazine. It gave me a quick overview of Canadian news and a very quick perspective of world affairs and how they related to me as a Canadian. As for *Reader's Digest* I seldom purchased a copy; I always managed to borrow one of the family's or finish reading it in a doctor's office or, heaven forbid, a dentist's office.

I now find myself as a new member of the House of Commons participating in a debate determining the future of these two magazines, along with others, that will be affected by Bill C-58. We are not just talking of *Time* and *Reader's Digest*, as we have a tendency to think. There are other foreign owned publications that will be affected by the revocation of section 19(2) of the Income Tax Act. For example, there is the *Red Deer Advocate*, the *Chilliwack Progress*, the *Abbotsford News* and the *Fraser Valley Record*. These are all owned by the Liverpool Post and Daily Echo Limited. In addition, in the periodical field there is *Modern Medicine* and a magazine entitled *M.D.* The former is now printed and published in Canada by Southam under a licence from the *New York Times*, and I believe there is now a 50 per cent ownership on the Canadian operation.

It would be impossible for Canadian editors and writers to write the input of periodicals like *Modern Medicine* and *M.D.* because what our professionals in those disciplines are trying to achieve is a perspective and insight into what is going on in other countries and among people in other countries who are writing in certain fields of research. These are all institutions and media that will be affected by the bill we are debating here this day.

The Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner), in a release dated March 26, pointed out that successive Canadian governments have considered the action we are discussing, since 1960. In that year Senator Grattan O'Leary, head of a royal commission, urged that the country develop a self-sufficient national press. I should like to quote one point he made which the Secretary of State quoted in his release on March 26. He said:

Only a truly Canadian printing press, one with the feel of Canada and directly responsible to Canada, can give us the critical analysis, the informed discourse and dialogue, which are indispensable in a sovereign society.