

Mr. REID: I think Mr. Coldwell is reading into that letter something that is not there.

The CHAIRMAN: Sure.

Mr. REID: That is what he is doing. He is drawing an inference.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is right.

Mr. REID: The man's statement is there giving some praise to the private stations. It should be taken as written.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: In any event, we have not come to the place in so far as the C.B.C. is concerned that there cannot be two sides to everything.

The CHAIRMAN: Why certainly.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: That is one of the great dangers in which we are liable to find ourselves in this country, namely, when anyone in the interests of keeping the record clear makes representations that are not acceptable to the C.B.C. those representations are designated as propaganda. Of course, none of us want that.

The CHAIRMAN: Since I expressed the opinion, and in order to make it clear, these representations of General Spry are perfectly acceptable to me. I think (a) he had the right to express himself and (b) that the letter is probably completely true, but I think that it arose at this particular time by reason of a number of somewhat similar things I have noticed. I think there is inspiration behind them, but he may not even have known that. In any event, he has a perfect right.

Mr. COLDWELL: I was not objecting to the presentation of the letter. I am merely pointing out it is a singular thing that the private stations are thanked and not the C.B.C. I have heard programmes having to do with the boy scouts and girl guides and so forth, over C.B.C. stations and on the national hookup.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: We should not restrict the inspired utterances only to one side.

Mr. COLDWELL: It looks one-sided.

Mr. HANSELL: Last session we not only received a few letters but we actually received representations and briefs from other organizations, most of which were on behalf of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The CHAIRMAN: And we will be glad to receive more.

Mr. HANSELL: It does not make any difference.

The CHAIRMAN: I am quite sure everybody is agreed now that we might pick up where we left off last week.

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): I should like to say one thing further in connection with that. The chairman said these letters were inspired. I should like to know what he means, inspired by whom?

The CHAIRMAN: I said at the time I thought they were inspired by some of the private broadcasting interests. I said that at the time.

Mr. HANSELL: Would you say the briefs that were given last session on behalf of the C.B.C. were inspired by the C.B.C.? What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

The CHAIRMAN: I think sometimes they may have been. I do not remember what ones you are referring to.

Mr. HANSELL: Perhaps the word "inspiration" was unfortunate.

The CHAIRMAN: No, I think quite fortunate. I am quite satisfied with it. I let it stand. I have nothing to retract.

Mr. SMITH: What you really meant was they were conspired. I am going to move that it be referred to the steering committee.