

*Canadian Policy on Broadcasting*

no comparison. Nor has C.B.C. been fair to the real representatives of Quebec.

I believe that every one of Canada's bogey-men has been created by television.

I should like to quote from a column in the *Montreal Star* headed "Television And Radio" in which Bernard Dubé, under the heading "Levesque's Separatism A Thorn For C.B.C.," says:

Levesque was employed under a 13-program contract as an interviewer-commentator on *The Public Eye* last season. *Public Eye* executive producer Richard Nielsen had spoken to him about rejoining the program this season.

The article continues:

It is no secret that separatist feelings are held by many employed in French C.B.C. here.

Then we find a lead article by Frank Howard in the *Globe and Mail* of September 15, 1967 under the heading "Separatist Element Of Radio-Canada Draws Bitter Attack". He mentions the contribution of a member of the Laurendeau-Dunton royal commission and writes that this commissioner said:

• (12:50 p.m.)

—somebody has to tell Radio-Canada that it has a duty to support Canadian unity.

If you will forgive me, I say thank God for Judy. I hope the whole country will join with me in respect for this gallant lady who served her country once in uniform and who is now doing her level best for the unity and freedom of Canada today.

**Mr. Prittie:** Would the hon. member permit a question? What is he driving at? Is he suggesting that Mr. Jean-Louis Gagnon should not be allowed to appear on C.B.C. radio or television in future?

**Mr. Matheson:** No, by no means. I think as my argument develops it will be obvious that I believe we have the kind of society which is strong enough to withstand every shade of political, ideological and social opinion. However, I do not want to hear just one side of an argument all the time, and therein lies the problem.

This article then states:

Mr. Gagnon's suggestion that the French network is being taken over by separatist sympathizers or sensationalists, is an accurate reflection of the things being said about C.B.C. news—

The article states that Mr. Gagnon said:

—the essential vice of radio Canada is that it has escaped public control.

The strange thing is that everyone in this house agrees that politicians should keep

their hands off broadcasting. We do not want to censor broadcasting, nor do we want the people in this media steering Canada in directions that may be against Canada's interest in regard to either domestic or international policy. I think this is vitally important. Let me refer to the *Montreal Gazette* of October 26 which had this to say under the heading, "Person To Person":

Rene Levesque gets another chance to air his separatist views when he is interviewed on the Pierre Berton show come next Monday.

Don't we make great stars of these people.

**Miss LaMarsh:** They don't make a star of me.

**Mr. Matheson:** I have an editorial from CKMI-TV in which they speak of the danger of reporting only one group's opinion:

—Jean-Louis Gagnon stated in a speech... at Montmorency House... that the French network should not be a propaganda machine for clandestine groups.

The editorial continues:

Mr. Gagnon recalled a director from the network saying that: "he never believed and did not believe that the corporation owed allegiance to the cause of Canadian unity." This has all the earmarks of the Goebbels era.

A head of one key section of French language C.B.C. told Professor J. E. O'Brien recently that only a very small number of French Canadians agree with separatism. This is precisely what he said:

Our job is to educate and lead the rest to become separatists.

The *Saturday Citizen* of October 14, 1967 contained an article by Bruce Phillips which was carried by all Southam newspapers in Canada. The heading is, "Are Programs Being Slanted?" The subheading is, "Now It's Separatism Inside The C.B.C.". We have learned to respect Bruce Phillips who has been reporting for some time. He has this to say:

The presence of separatist sympathizers, and in some cases separatist party members, is an acknowledged fact. It is accepted as fact by Marcel Ouimet, vice-president in charge of the French language network, and has long been common knowledge inside the province.

Mr. Phillips then writes:

One current figure is that about 60 per cent of the news department is separatist-oriented.

Mr. Phillips continues:

—Roland Dugre, newly-elected president of the Quebec chamber of commerce, said in a speech last Saturday that C.B.C. programs are being slanted toward promotion of separatist and socialist ideas.