

listening. But no matter what the percentage is, we do not expect to have the same number listening to it as listen to the Dominion network on the same evening, which has some very popular programs.

Mr. COLDWELL: Have you found the number to be increasing as the years go on?

The WITNESS: On the whole we think the number is increasing as general understanding increases. From the number of letters we get from the United States, understanding is growing both there and in Canada. We know of a number of people who make it a practice to stay in on Wednesday night for that purpose.

Mr. FULTON: Have you won prizes for your Wednesday night productions? I see you have won other prizes.

The WITNESS: We did, but I have not got the list. I think there are one or two Wednesday night programs which got prizes.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? Then we may perhaps proceed to "News" on page 12. Are there any questions?

Mr. HANSELL: There is just one question I should like to ask. I think I can anticipate the answer and I do not want any unfair inference to be taken out of my question because, if there is any inference at all, it does not apply to Canada. I notice here in the report it states that:

Whatever the news, at home or abroad, the intent has been to present it with the greatest possible accuracy and without sensationalism.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you mind giving us the page?

Mr. HANSELL: It is the second paragraph on page 12 under the heading "News".

Mr. FLEMING: The first column, the second paragraph under "News".

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

*By Mr. Hansell:*

Q. Has there ever been any time to your knowledge when factual news has ever been purposely withheld?—A. On our system?

Q. Well, yes. I would not expect you to be able to answer it for the other stations?—A. No, not to my knowledge.

Q. I am glad of that answer for the record.

*By Mr. Jones:*

Q. Could you tell us what the rule is regarding the release of news? I notice that some of the news which is broadcast has also appeared in the previous day's broadcasts.—A. I would imagine that sometimes happens. But on the other hand, sometimes we are ahead of the daily newspapers.

Q. Very seldom!—A. I would not admit that, Mr. Jones. We have certain news policies which are designed in general to see that our newscasts give the news as accurately as possible.

Q. I am not questioning the accuracy, I am only questioning the timing of it.

The CHAIRMAN: As quickly as possible.

*By Mr. Jones:*

Q. Do you have the same access to the same sources that the newspapers have?—A. We have the same news agencies which serve most of the major newspapers of the country. I do not think they hold back news from us and give it to the newspapers in advance.

In the National News Bulletin we try to recapitulate the same news which has happened earlier in the day or perhaps the previous night, in order to give