

The Chairman: Well, I can assure you, Mr. Chenoweth, that the press has investigated the Senate fairly frequently.

Mr. Scarth: May I ask the Senators a question?

The Chairman: Yes. The question the witness is putting is he was wondering if the Senators had read student newspapers recently?

Mr. Scarth: And what do you think about the research the Senate has already done and if it could be made available to us?

The Chairman: Well, they agree with that. I don't want to put words in their mouths...

Mr. Scarth: Well, I am asking for reasons?

The Chairman: Well, Mr. Scarth, you know I want to be as generous with you as I possibly can be, but I think if you were to go around the room and ask each Senator why our research has not been made public, it wouldn't really serve the purposes of the Committee. I will simply answer for the Committee and say that in our wisdom, and you may disagree—I shouldn't say may, perhaps you do, perhaps you don't—that we have decided that our approach to these hearings will be to complete our research phase and then with our research papers as background proceed into the hearings phase. In this context, we are treating the student press no differently than we are treating the weeklies, or the ethnic press, or the farm press, or daily newspapers.

Mr. Scarth: Well, I was questioning the basic concept that all the information available should be available to everybody.

The Chairman: Well, I take note of your point, it is an interesting one, but that is not the way we are doing it. I look forward to your comments when you see—ultimately you will see the research papers and I will look forward to your comments. Senator Quart, are you going to ask a question?

Senator Quart: Yes, this is my first dip into the Committee and I was delighted to hear from the students because I wonder if you young gentlemen realize—you say that we don't read your student press. Well, I for one differ with you. First and foremost I have had three sons at McGill. I have 23 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Now, do you realize that if your parents don't always agree with you that later on they probably will and

you will be surprised by the influence you have on grandparents. I assure you—I have grandchildren in McGill, two or three in Loyola, Waterloo and I have had a graduate of Laval who dips with the press frequently and is writing a bit. When they get together, like we do at various times during the year, don't imagine that the students are not heard. They are the most vocal of all the groups, so I think you have a tremendous appeal.

Since I have been sitting here today I felt that you imagine that we are becoming your enemies because of the generation gap. Please don't feel like that.

Mr. Scarth: Well, I only asked the question, but I haven't received an answer from the other Senators as yet.

Senator Hays: Well, I would be very pleased to receive it and I would be very pleased to pay for it.

Mr. Chenoweth: If anyone would like a subscription I told David you could have one free.

Mr. Saxe: C.U.P. has one for \$150.

The Chairman: Mr. Fortier?

Mr. Fortier: Mr. Chenoweth, are you suggesting that there is a conscious effort on the part of newspaper editors and publishers—let us talk about Montreal—a conscious effort on their part not to publish news with respect to the university?

Mr. Chenoweth: I do not think it is a conscious effort not to publish news. I just don't think that news at the university in their minds—what constitutes news in the university is such a minor level, you know, such as the appointment of a new principal. There is a point if I may deal with a particular case. McGill is supposed to appoint a new principal and you sir, if I am not mistaken, were appointed to the Board of Governors. Was it you that was appointed to the Board of Governors?

Mr. Fortier: Yes, that is right.

Mr. Chenoweth: Let us take the point of the principal.

The Chairman: You have been appointed to the Board of Governors of McGill?

Mr. Fortier: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chenoweth: From our editorial this morning—you are calling for a principalship poll on the principal question?