

Mr. SMITH: Can you later increase it to a 1-A?

Dr. FRIGON: No, you could increase it to 50 kilowatts. Fifty kilowatts is the minimum with no maximum limit, on a class 1-A. For class 1-B it is 10 k.w. to 50 k.w.; the minimum is 10 and the maximum is 50.

Mr. BEAUDOIN: Doctor, by making a station a class 1-B channel, are you not protected in this way, that ultimately you can go back to your class 1-A?

Dr. FRIGON: No, we can go to 50 kilowatts. We cannot go above 50 kilowatts. We would not need more than 50 kilowatts in that region. If the frequency could be used anywhere else it would be worth while protecting the 1-A channel, but the location of the station makes it not worth while. We do not expect it will ever be economically sound to spend money to build a station of more than 50 kilowatts at that point.

Mr. SMITH: What we are doing is giving up a free channel which will go to some other country under the Havana agreement?

Dr. FRIGON: No, it will be used somewhere else as a class 2 or 3.

Mr. SMITH: Why?

Dr. FRIGON: Because that is the way it goes by the international agreement.

Mr. SMITH: There are only so many free class 1-A channels under the Havana agreement?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. SMITH: Of which we have a number?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. SMITH: We are now giving one up?

Dr. FRIGON: We are giving it up as a class 1-A channel but we are making the best possible use of that frequency.

Mr. SMITH: We are giving it up and that channel does not go into the waste paper basket. Somebody else will use it?

Dr. FRIGON: Nobody else will use it as a class 1-A channel.

The CHAIRMAN: Although we are not using it as a class 1-A channel, no other person can use it as a class 1-A.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is, if we use it as a class 1-B.

The CHAIRMAN: We are the only country entitled to use it.

Mr. SMITH: Let us suppose we gave up all our channels in Canada, are you telling me no one else can use them?

Dr. FRIGON: As class 1-A channels.

Mr. SMITH: So, they are just gone?

Dr. FRIGON: No.

The CHAIRMAN: In the interest of clarity let us repeat that. Mr. Smith said, "Are you telling me, so and so"? Dr. Frigon's answer was, "Yes, I am telling you that." I think there was a misunderstanding about it.

Mr. BEAUDOIN: How about Dr. Frigon recapitulating his statement to give us a clear picture?

Dr. FRIGON: A class 1-A channel is a channel on which a station of a minimum of 50 kilowatts may be built. There is no limit to the maximum power. A class 1-B is a frequency on which a station must have at least 10 kilowatts and not more than 50 kilowatts. We have, in that region of Canada the right at present, or we had the right, to use a class 1-A channel; that is, to build on the 1580 kilocycle channel a class 1-A station with a minimum of 50 kilowatts and a maximum of anything we want. We claim it would not be efficient to build on that channel at that point any station of more than 50 kilowatts. Therefore, we say we will not spend, at the present time, \$500,000