

Dr. FRIGON: It is about two to one.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: When the station was raised from 5,000 to 50,000 watts. Now, have you had a search made of the records with a view to ascertaining whether there was any correspondence with the Canadian Press relative to this matter?

Dr. FRIGON: We have not found any correspondence on this matter respecting the press.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Take an ordinary advertising programme regardless of what the rate may be, do you have any regular agreement executed by both parties?

Dr. FRIGON: All commercial agreements, of course, are signed on the regular form.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: How would you show this on your books, how would you show those two 15-minute periods, when you were giving free time?

Dr. FRIGON: It would be classified as a sustaining programme and therefore would not go in the books, not any more than our own broadcasts are accounted for in the books.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I see; it would appear on your books in the same position as if it were a CBC programme.

Dr. FRIGON: It would not appear at all in our accounting books because sustaining programmes are not charged anything, of course; in the case of news, the personnel does the work and there is no special entry in the books.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Over the last few years, is it not a fact that a very strong objection has been taken by your own officials to this matter?

Dr. FRIGON: Well, the matter has been discussed at different times, as shown by one of the letters here, as to whether the *Star* should not give us some space by way of payment. Now, as to how frequently this came up, I could not tell you.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: But during your period as general manager it came up on several occasions, did it not?

Dr. FRIGON: No, I would not say so. We discuss all sorts of matters pertaining to programmes; that must have been one of the matters discussed, but I do not recall anything specific.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: You do not recall any specific instance?

Dr. FRIGON: No.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Would a matter such as this be brought before the board of governors?

Dr. FRIGON: Not officially. I do not think there is any reference to this particular broadcast in the minutes of the board meetings, not that I remember.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: You would remember whether, since 1937, any reference was made to the question of the maintenance or continuance of this scheme?

Dr. FRIGON: I cannot recall any minutes pertaining to this particular broadcast.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Then, my difficulty is this, Dr. Frigon; there being no minutes, who in your body, who in the corporation made the decision in 1941 that the *Star* should be reinstated? You have not any official documents; you have not any official minutes.

Dr. FRIGON: Whether the decision originated with the programme division or not, I do not know; but ultimately the general manager must approve of the move.