

Dr. FRIGON: I am trying to read the letter now and find out what it means.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I see.

Dr. FRIGON: One paragraph may have a different meaning from the letter taken as a whole.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Is that the letter dated April 19, 1938?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It is the letter dated April 19, 1938.

Dr. FRIGON: You will notice, in the first paragraph, that the commercial manager there raised the commercial question as to whether there should be compensation from the *Toronto Star* for the time they use on CBL.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: That is right.

Dr. FRIGON: So this paragraph is just kind of a courtesy paragraph which has not the importance that it might have if read alone.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: So that we may understand each other perfectly, when Mr. Weir wrote that letter, one of the matters that the corporation considered worth while mentioning was the granting of free time to the *Toronto Daily Star*. He said that its support had meant much to the whole plan of nationalization. That was just a courtesy. Now then, going on down—if there are any letters in between that you care to refer to in order to clarify the matter, I would be glad to have you do so. The next important letter is dated October 20, 1938, a letter to the managing editor of the *Toronto Star* from Mr. Gladstone Murray. It says, "With the establishment of the two new 50,000-watt transmitters next year, that is CBA and CBK, there is likely to be a comprehensive new arrangement with the Canadian Press which might affect the *Toronto Star* newscasts on CBL". With the establishment of these stations did you have correspondence with the *Toronto Star* with reference to the continuation of the broadcasts on free time? Did you finally decide that you would just let the relationship continue without having that formalized or approved?

Dr. FRIGON: I am sorry I did not quite get the meaning of your question.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: The *Star* insisted on a continuation of the free time.

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: The reason the *Star* gave was in its letter of October 24, 1938, that Mr. Atkinson felt that the *Star* should not be placed in any position inferior to that of the other *Toronto* papers; that was the attitude of the *Star*.

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: The other *Toronto* papers, one or the other of them, had space on private stations?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: The reason that CBC continued giving the *Star* this free time was because of the fact that the other newspapers had outlets on other private stations?

Dr. FRIGON: That could be one of the reasons.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: That was the reason that was given? On July 3, 1939, the CBC asked the *Star* to give up one fifteen-minute period a day to be taken over by the Canadian Press, did it not?

Mr. HACKETT: Who wrote that letter?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Mr. Gladstone Murray.

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And an appeal was made to the *Toronto Star*, it being a member of the Canadian Press, to permit this compromise being arrived at?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Then taking the letter of October 5, 1939, Dr. Frigon, with the outbreak of war the CBC asked the *Star* to allow the Broadcasting