

place. If I can ask this question now rather than in the House I would like to do so at this time.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I have no objection to answering questions for the remainder of our meeting.

Mr. McINTOSH: My question arises out of an article that appeared in the *Toronto Daily Star* on Friday, March 25, written by J. L. Howson, a Toronto freelance writer. Before I make reference to this may I say that what you have told us this morning has some bearing on it. I was surprised to hear you say that the matter of Rhodesia getting out of the Commonwealth was a responsibility of the Commonwealth rather than the concern of the Commonwealth because when South Africa, Ghana and Tanzania got out I would say that was a concern of the Commonwealth and not a responsibility of the Commonwealth. This writer makes reference to the Lagos conference held in January. I will read only those parts I have underlined:

It was launched in mid-February with the opening of the third British-Canadian radio transmitter for propaganda bombardment.

Command of all three transmitters, and their unusual schedule of programs, is centred in distant Lagos and London, at the newly established Commonwealth Secretariat, as proposed, ratified, and co-financed by the Canadian Prime Minister at the Lagos Conference in January.

Now, with regard to these programs, according to the writer;

One voice specializes in techniques of knifing and throat-cutting, and in how, and where, to stab what part of the body, when only kitchen knives are available. At all hours, they give explicit do-it-yourself instructions in all three languages. A knowledgeable specialist carefully analyzes the easiest ways to make a petrol bomb. Certain broadcasters specialize in techniques of arson,—

Now, is Canada in any way contributing financially to these programs?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): No. I know nothing whatsoever about these programs. The C.B.C. international service advised us that it has not carried any broadcasts attacking Rhodesia as such. In its news broadcasts it has, of course, carried items on Canadian policies toward Rhodesia. However I know nothing about these broadcasts you mention and, in so far as the Canadian government is concerned, it has not authorized and has not contributed to these programs if, in fact, they exist.

Mr. McINTOSH: The same writer goes on to suggest that Mr. Pearson, our Prime Minister, has made a private deal with Mr. Harold Wilson to force a switch of London tobacco buying into Canada. Is there any deal between our Prime Minister and Mr. Harold Wilson in this regard?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): No.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, on your behalf, it is my pleasure to thank Mr. Martin for his presentation.

Mr. NESBITT: Mr. Chairman, it is almost 12.30. I know there are a number of other things to be discussed but perhaps we could start a question period at this time.