

Mr. FLEMING: The suggestion that he is using the Association carries with it something that is rather odious. As I followed you the letter purported to come on behalf of the Boy Scouts Association.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. FLEMING: Why should it be said then that he is using the Association to support either side of a controversy?

The CHAIRMAN: Let me put it this way. The Association is throwing its weight into the scale in favour of the private stations.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is what it would seem.

Mr. FLEMING: It is a free country. If they want to do that they can.

The CHAIRMAN: Sure it is a free country.

Mr. ROSS (*Hamilton East*): It is all inspired by propaganda.

Mr. REID: If they have received service why wouldn't they say so?

Mr. COLDWELL: Why did he not also say that he had received service from the C.B.C.? I know he has because I have heard Boy Scout programs over the C.B.C. network. He is taking part in a controversy if he takes one side.

The CHAIRMAN: Let me try to explain what I said. I do not think there is any doubt in the world that the private broadcasting stations are behind that letter, whether or not General Spry realizes it. I do not think there is any doubt of it, but that is just my opinion.

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): I do not think you have any right to say that. I think it is quite improper for you to say it.

The CHAIRMAN: Certainly he has a perfect right to say it, but I have a perfect right to say what I think also.

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): I do not think you have. I do not think you have the right to say that the private stations were behind it.

The CHAIRMAN: Surely by becoming chairman of the committee I am not to be gagged so that I cannot express any idea that occurs to me.

Mr. FLEMING: Do you not think that it is not proper to suggest that a letter like that is inspired unless we have some information? If you have information that the letter was inspired then we should have the information, but I do not think there ought to be intimations or accusations that the letter was inspired by someone who has an axe to grind unless there is information to back it up. So far as the letter being extraordinary in its terms or singular it is not half so singular as a good many letters we received at last year's sessions of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN: I think you are right. I think they were inspired, too.

Mr. WINTERS: The letter has a purpose or it would not have been written.

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): I do not think the chairman has the right to say that any of these letters were inspired.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not say they were all inspired. Hold your horses there. Do not take in too much territory.

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): The chairman said a great many of these letters were inspired.

The CHAIRMAN: Last year. You do not think that?

Mr. ROSS (*St. Paul's*): I think these people have a perfect right to express their own opinions. I do not think they are inspired by the C.A.B.

The CHAIRMAN: Everybody is in agreement with you that they have the right to express their opinion. The only point of disagreement is you do not think they were inspired and I do. That is all.