

Division

We have had some splendid examples of propaganda of agitation being used. There is no need for me to recount many of them here. I should like to feel that this is indeed an extreme statement of the position, but as a further clear example of how closely the C.B.C. itself has been involved in propaganda of agitation, I should like for the benefit of members to refer to excerpts from the program "Panorama" of Eurovision, televised on July 18, 1966 from Bonn, Prague, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome, Brussels, Oslo, Helsinki and Vienna. Lotha Loewe described C.B.C.'s "This Hour Has Seven Days" as, "a highly political T.V. magazine which led to the crisis between the 'Seven Days' staff and management."

It has been agreed, Mr. Speaker, that we should keep politics out of the C.B.C. Let us recognize also the importance of keeping the C.B.C. out of politics. Let me acquaint this house with the comments of Mr. Douglas Leiterman, who appeared in a very prominent position during the inquiry. The Bonn television station produced a summary of this Leiterman program of July 18, 1966, which concluded as follows:

Asked whether he thought that the program would be cancelled now for good he said no, repeat no, he didn't think so. As soon as there would be change in government there would also be a change of the top of C.B.C., and as soon as other people were making the policy of the station, the program would stand at least another year.

Democracy has not achieved that sturdy a growth that we can allow it to be suborned by the use of public funds. There are people here who will be bitterly critical of what I say, and they will be critical in the name of the highest idealism. I would say, Mr. Speaker, that a considerable amount of the debate has been misguided. I should like to go back again to Mr. Ellul's remarks, where he says:

Only at the very last minute do the idealists grab hold of themselves and call a halt, which is then terribly costly and bloody because none of the measures that a clear understanding of the autonomy of political matters should have necessitated was taken in time.

I would hope that with the results of the past year, the controversy and the concern of the Canadian people so clearly expressed, some initial steps might still be taken to provide the sort of control that would prevent the turning over of the public broadcasting corporation to these people. Economics prevent the private sector from being turned over, but the public sector does not operate in the same way. I hope that as we study the bill we will write in a warning that

the use of the corporation should not be turned over to those who would destroy us.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Is the house ready for the question?

The house divided on the amendment (Mr. McCutcheon) which was negatived on the following division:

● (4:30 p.m.)

YEAS

Messrs:

Alkenbrack	MacLean (Queens)
Allard	Macquarrie
Asselin (Charlevoix)	McCleave
Ballard	McCutcheon
Bell (Carleton)	McIntosh
Bell (Saint John-Albert)	McLelland
Bigg	Monteith
Brand	Moore (Wetaskiwin)
Churchill	Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria)
Coates	Muir (Lisgar)
Crouse	Nasserden
Danforth	Nesbitt
Diefenbaker	Nielsen
Dinsdale	Nowlan
Fairweather	Nugent
Fane	Pascoe
Flemming	Pugh
Forrestall	Rapp
Fulton	Régimbal
Graffey	Ricard
Grills	Rynard
Hamilton	Sherman
Harkness	Simpson
Hees	Skoreyko
Horner (Acadia)	Smallwood
Irvine	Smith
Jorgenson	Southam
Keays	Starr
Korchinski	Stefanson
Lambert	Wadds (Mrs.)
Loney	Watson (Assiniboia)
MacEwan	Webb
MacInnis (Cape Breton South)	Woolliams—66.

NAYS

Messrs:

Andras	Côté (Nicolet-Yamaska)
Asselin (Richmond-Wolfe)	Crossman
Badanai	Davis
Basford	Deachman
Batten	Douglas
Béchar	Drury
Beer	Emard
Benson	Fawcett
Berger	Forest
Blouin	Foy
Brewin	Gauthier
Brown	Gendron
Byrne	Germa
Cadieux (Terrebonne)	Godin
Cantin	Gordon
Caouette	Goyer
Caron	Gray
Cashin	Groos
Choquette	Habel
Chrétien	Haidasz
Clermont	Harley
	Herridge