

*The Budget—Mr. Nesbitt*

on occasion over the year they have been outright falsified. I have a little notation in my hand dated February 7, 1961, dealing with Mr. Arnold Beichman.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Nesbitt:** I guess they know who he is; I am referring to my friends to the left over there.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Nesbitt:** The notation is to the following effect. In October, 1960, the CBC's Toronto office decided to do a television broadcast concerning the Canadian delegation and Canada's role at the United Nations. May I point out that there was an excellent CBC correspondent at the United Nations, namely Mr. Stanley Burke. But he was in no way consulted. A producer in Toronto by the name of Clifford Solway went to New York from Toronto and hired Mr. Arnold Beichman to do the telecast. Mr. Beichman was introduced as a "special correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor*". I did not see the telecast since I was in New York, but I heard a great deal about it and the content was apparently highly inaccurate and very derogatory with respect to the role of Canada and the Canadian delegation at the United Nations. Since the impression was given that Mr. Beichman was the United Nations correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor*, naturally a great many people took Mr. Beichman's remarks very seriously indeed.

• (9:10 p.m.)

The *Globe and Mail* published a prominent editorial concerning Mr. Beichman's remarks on October 27 last. As a matter of fact, the editorial noted that Mr. Beichman's remarks should be carefully considered because of the very important newspaper that he represented. The fact is that Mr. Beichman did not represent the *Christian Science Monitor* at the United Nations or anywhere else. He was accredited to the United Nations as correspondent for the AF of L-CIO News, and as far as I could discover he was unknown to the United Nations' press gallery.

**Mr. Deachman:** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard):** Order. The hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman) on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Deachman:** Mr. Speaker, in case the hon. member's pronunciation is leading to any

delusion in the House, I just want to say I am not with the *Christian Science Monitor* or the AF of L, or any of those things. I am just the Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** I have no intention of referring to the hon. member as otherwise. Now, Mr. Speaker, this matter was drawn to the attention of the CBC. But a couple of weeks later they had an advertisement in the *Globe and Mail* for a discussion on anti-American feeling in Canada, in which would take part Mr. Arnold Beichman of the *Christian Science Monitor*. Of course, there could be no mistake then. In 1968 I got a telephone call from the CBC at my office in Woodstock. They wanted me to take part in a panel discussion on Canada-U.S. relations at the Couchiching conference. I inquired who would be taking part and there were several people mentioned, including Mr. Pearson, the former Prime Minister. Then they said, "We have a wonderful man, Mr. Arnold Beichman, United Nations correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor*." I will not say here what I said over the telephone, but I should have been smarter, Mr. Speaker. I should have said, "Oh, yes," gone there, and done the unveiling on television, but I missed out.

Why is this man being chosen all the time for television appearances? Either he has friends in the CBC, which is quite likely, or he sets out a viewpoint which is sympathetic to the viewpoint of those in charge of CBC public affairs programs. I could mention many more. I have already mentioned Mr. Levesque. To indicate how good the CBC is with propaganda, there are these relentless attacks on the United States of America. Nobody objects to their countries being criticized, including friendly countries, but no other country is the subject of these attacks day in and day out except the United States of America.

I mentioned this in the House previously and I got a nasty letter from Mr. Fraser, the vice-president of the CBC at the time. I told him that if he could show me one program that was even neutral to the United States I would be glad to withdraw my remarks, but I heard nothing more about that. I have heard programs broadcast by Radio Moscow about the United States which were moderate compared with CBC programs.

One good example recently of such a CBC program was a telecast showing the horrors of the Viet Nam war and the terrible things