

At a recent meeting between Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his cabinet and representatives of the Canadian Congress of Labour, the Prime Minister and the cabinet—

And these words are in quotation marks:—walked out on delegates representing some 300,000 Canadian workers and their families.

If that is a correct quotation, may I say to my hon. friend that the statement itself is not correct. The last thing that was done was to walk out on the delegation. Statements were made in the representations of the delegation which I felt were untrue and the representations themselves were not expressed in the manner in which they should have been expressed, and which for this reason I thought were doing harm to the cause of labour itself. I therefore spoke plainly to the delegation on these particular aspects of their representations. But may I say to my hon. friend that after I had concluded speaking I and my colleagues waited until the secretary of the delegation, who wished to have the last word, made quite a lengthy reply, and then, bowing in a cordial manner to all present, I and my colleagues left the gathering. I hope my hon. friend will not try to create the impression that some 300,000 Canadian workers and their families were offended by my action in speaking in a kindly and fatherly way to that particular group.

### RADIO BROADCASTING

#### POLICY RESPECTING OWNERSHIP OF RADIO STATIONS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. DIEFENBAKER (Lake Centre): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Reconstruction. Press reports indicate that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is about to take over two radio stations owned by the Manitoba government. If this be so, in view of the refusal of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to issue a licence to the Saskatchewan government for a radio station, what change if any has taken place in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's policy in regard to ownership of radios, and for what reason?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction): This question relates to broadcasting policy and should more properly be answered by the Minister of National Revenue. However, I can say the government has decided that, since broadcasting is the sole responsibility of the dominion government, broadcasting licences shall not be issued to other governments or corporations owned by other governments. In regard to the two stations in Manitoba, discussions are taking place with

the government of that province which we hope will lead to the purchase of these two stations by the dominion government.

### CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

#### NATIONALITY, NATURALIZATION AND STATUS OF ALIENS

The house resumed from Thursday, May 2, consideration in committee of bill No. 7, respecting citizenship, nationality, and naturalization and status of aliens—Mr. Martin—Mr. Golding in the chair.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): The committee was considering section 21. Shall the section carry?

Section agreed to.

Section 22 agreed to.

On section 23—Citizenship of spouse or minor children.

Mr. FLEMING: In line 31, subsection 2, the power conferred on the governor in council is purely enabling. Is there any reason why the section should not be made mandatory instead of enabling or permissive?

Mr. MARTIN: There is no change in substance in this section and it is thought, in view of the experience we have had in the department, and the practice of other countries, that this is the best way to leave the matter.

Mr. GREEN: If this section passes what will the law be in regard to minor children? If the father loses Canadian citizenship, will the minor children also lose theirs? There seems to be some uncertainty in the wording of the section.

Mr. MARTIN: It is a question of discretion. There is a distinction, as regards the position of the wife or children, in cases where a second nationality is acquired and cases of automatic loss or revocation. Greater consideration is given in the latter case because there is a greater possibility that the child may not acquire any other nationality. Also, revocation and loss are in the form of punishment which should not be automatically visited upon the children, whereas a deliberate change of nationality is now in the nature of a voluntary transfer of allegiance.

Section agreed to.

Section 24 agreed to.

On section 25—Saving of obligations incurred before loss of citizenship.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: What is the purport of section 25, and what particular circumstances does it contemplate?