

This is a brief excerpt from the song about death, a tape of which I have in my office:

Then they take you downtown and drain out all your blood,
Then fill you up with alcohol and all this other crud.

It is neat!

Neat!

It is really neat!

What a joke. It's fun to croak. It is ever neat!

The song finishes with the following:

It is neat!

Neat!

It is super super neat! Oh boy it's cool, it sure beats school! It is ever neat!

Neat!

During the 120-second clip, the phrase "neat to be dead" in one form or another is mentioned 21 times. This is irresponsible broadcasting. Given that 281 young children and teenagers committed suicide in Canada in 1984, this is a serious problem and not a laughing matter. To suggest on prime time radio, or for that matter at any time, that death is neat and a joke is appalling. The CBC should act responsibly by carrying an apology and a retraction on *Frantic Times* indicating that death is not neat nor is it a joke.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

CONCENTRATION OF TELEVISION STATIONS' OWNERSHIP IN SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has recently seen a dramatic concentration in private television ownership with the acquisition by the John Bassett interests of Toronto of four out of five private television stations. This has been accomplished without any public protest from the Minister of Consumer Affairs (Mr. Côté), or from Conservative Members who have been able to count on Mr. Bassett as an enduring and loyal friend. However, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission stated in a 1978 ruling that, to the extent that concentration of ownership and control increases, diversity of opinion and information to Canadians are potentially reduced. It is this very real threat, that John Bassett will be presiding over an homogenized private broadcasting system in Saskatchewan, that has many people concerned.

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Saskatchewan is only one step from being the media conglomerate that New Brunswick already is and which the Kent Royal Commission on Newspapers attacked for not having "diverse voices, correcting and balancing one another".

The Kent Commission also recommended that Armadale divest itself of one of its two daily newspapers in Regina or Saskatoon. This should also apply to television stations in Regina and Saskatoon, which are among the most profitable in the country, with profit margins of 40 per cent.

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It is an abuse of dominant market position when stations this wealthy contribute so little in terms of local production, public affairs, and news coverage. I predict the Government's competition law will not disturb the profits of John Bassett, and the CRTC—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AMERICAN DECISION ON LOCATION OF NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP SITES

Mr. François Gérin (Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead): Mr. Speaker, we were delighted to hear that the United States had decided not to develop a nuclear waste dump site near the Canadian border and across from my riding of Mégantic-Compton-Stanstead, in the province of Québec.

The people of the whole region are pleased with this decision which, otherwise, could have had a very negative impact on the environment and economy of the Eastern Townships as a whole.

I wish to emphasize the major public awareness campaign led by the *Standstead Journal*, the CANDU environmental groups, the Lake Memphrémagog and Lake Mégantic protection associations, as well as the information media generally. The Members of Parliament representing the Eastern Townships had agreed to work together in this endeavour and we are satisfied with the job done.

Also, we are glad that the United States have accepted to include the international aspect in their selection criteria for, by ruling out the proposed dump sites situated in their country but requiring that geological research be done in Canada, they have demonstrated their respect for Canadian sovereignty and autonomy.

Mr. Speaker, that is indeed a great victory.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST THAT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE SEEKING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR PAPERMILL IN MATANE

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): For the past 20 years, Mr. Speaker, the Gaspé-Lower St. Lawrence area has been spending millions of dollars together with the governments to develop its forest industry, train the necessary manpower and update its sawmills. As you know, for the past few years, the people involved in this industry have been trying to set up a