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believe these falsehoods about Chiang Kai-shek. That is how these things are accomplished in this matter of subverting the people.

I ask the minister in the light of all these things to find someone who can give him the communist line in the most minute detail, and then have two or three people monitor all the C.B.C. programs. The minister will then find out that men like Matthew Halton, Douglas Lachance and Robert McKenzie of the London school of economics and a great many others I could name, a list totalling 25 or 30 names, are constantly following the communist party line in one way or another.

If the minister will find out exactly what the communist line is and acquaint himself with the fact that there is a communist line which is designed to delude and subjugate the people, and if he will then appoint someone to monitor the broadcasts to keep an eye on attempts to indoctrinate listeners with the communist line, he will be doing a great service to his country.

There are half a dozen ladies I could name right at this moment who go on the radio on what they call morning matinee programs, and they are putting over the communist line to Canadian women while they are washing their dishes and doing their housework, until the people of this country are getting a completely distorted view of a wide variety of things. I have in my hand quotations which will support everything I am saying at this time.

I plead with the minister to acquaint himself with the communist line and to appoint a number of reliable people to check all the broadcasts and then eliminate those people who are giving out the communist line. It is interesting to remember that we are spending \$2 billion a year on our defence program in this country. Where is the sense in spending \$2 billion a year in building up a force for the defence of this country if we are going to close our eyes to the fact that our people are left open to conversion to communist thought right behind our backs? How can we get anything even remotely resembling sense out of a situation like that?

Having said that, Mr. Chairman, I shall turn this matter over to the minister with the earnest request that when we come back next year we will have an altogether different C.B.C., one that is genuinely Canadian and not communist.

Item agreed to.

The Chairman: That concludes our consideration of the estimates of the C.B.C., and we now proceed to a consideration of the estimates of the Department of Finance.

[Mr. Blackmore.]

It being after one o'clock I do leave the chair. May I remind hon. members that I shall resume the chair at 3.30 this afternoon.

At two o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at 3.30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

General administration—

117. Comptroller of the treasury—central office and branch offices administration, \$15,270,774.

Mr. Monteith: Mr. Chairman, on August 11 when these estimates were last up, I asked for some information from the minister. The minister had intimated that the Bank of Canada could expand credit and I then asked the minister:

Has he or the government or the officials of the Bank of Canada given any consideration to another possibility of, shall I say, holding inflation in check or creating a trend the other way, by allowing sufficient credit to cause enough expansion to supply the goods which would fill the demand.

Mr. Harris: I think it is obvious that the Bank of Canada is doing that at the present moment to the degree they think they should. The Bank of Canada does provide credit by the use of the economic weapons at its disposal, and credit has been expanded steadily this year, although not at the rate which some maintain it ought to be. It would be correct to say that during this year the bank has provided expanding credit, but at times it was not expanding at the rate of demand.

Mr. Monteith: Would there be any justification—I presume not, but I am asking this question—for expanding credit to the extent where demand might be met by supply?

Mr. Harris: That has been the case most of the time, but as I indicated in my general statement the other day, any time the demand is likely to outrun the actual physical ability to produce it would be unwise to provide credit beyond which production could be maintained. That is the real difficulty at the moment. People are wishing to have credit greater than the actual production, with the result that if they got credit there would be more money than there were goods and we would have inflation of the kind we do not want.

Mr. Bell: When I was speaking in the debate on the federal-provincial tax arrangements I tried to obtain some figures referring to the debt positions of the provinces, but I could not get them at that time. I have