

WHEREAS the Corporation's television networks are composed of CBC-owned stations and privately-owned stations, and

WHEREAS the aims and objectives of the Corporation's national television services can be realized to the maximum only through constant and careful maintenance of the integrity of a television network, and

WHEREAS permission given by the Board of Broadcast Governors to any affiliate of a network to operate his station as part of another network is conditional on consent being given by the operator of the parent network,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT in the public interest the Corporation oppose any proposal involving the splitting of networks, whenever such proposals tend to divide the component parts of CBC television networks in a manner detrimental to the maintenance and development of the national television service. CARRIED.

The Chairman suggested that the Board should establish a policy detailing their opposition to the proposal of a thirty-day temporary network, except for the special cases for which it was intended. The Vice-President sighted instances where the extension of a thirty-day temporary network could be most beneficial. There was a precedence for this in radio. In the Maritimes a temporary network had been set up to carry certain university programs and the thirty-day period in this case had been extended. Mr. Fraser pointed out that there does seem to be a flaw in the Act which allows for the broadcasting of a particular program series on a temporary network for a period not exceeding one month.

In reply to a question by Mrs. Armstrong, the President stated the Act stipulates that the BBG can approve a second network on a regular basis, but that no proviso is made for the establishing of a temporary network beyond the limit of thirty days. This aspect has been discussed with Dr. Stewart many times in the past and he has consistently repeated that temporary network arrangements have been made in the past. The Chairman suggested that the Board protest against the granting of a thirty-day temporary network on a continuing renewal basis, and the Board agreed that the President deal with the interpretation of the Act and this question when appearing before the BBG.

The Chairman inquired whether it would be still possible for the Corporation, if approached, to carry Big Four without violating the Carlings contract. The President said that in the event Dr. Stewart should ask if the CBC could still carry the Big Four, the Corporation should be quite positive about their position, and suggested that a double check be made to see how the Corporation could cope with such a situation.

Mr. Dupuis drew to the attention of the Board that in adopting the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 10, it would have confirmed the resolution authorizing Management to proceed with the sports package which prevents the Corporation from going back to Big Four in the event that it conflicts with Carlings World of Sports package.

In reply to a question by Mr. Leeson, the President said that there was a very good chance of the Corporation broadcasting the Grey Cup event, but would probably have to allow duplication of broadcasting in some areas. Mr. Walker pointed out that CFTO-TV, because they had been the successful bidder for the Big Four football rights, had first call on the Grey Cup rights.

In summation, the Chairman stated that if the CBC should be offered the rights to the Big Four telecast, it was his understanding that Management