

*Supply—C.B.C.*

production was put over the air there was another one called "The Investigator" which was written by Reuben Ship, a deported United States communist who came into this country, picked up with the C.B.C. and wrote "The Investigator" as a satire ridiculing the methods of uncovering communist conspiracy. Not only was it put over the C.B.C. in Canada, but tape recordings were made of it so that it could be spread abroad throughout the world. I think the minister should give the house an unequivocal undertaking that he will use his responsibility as minister to see that some monitor service is set up. I get my information but not by listening personally to everything, as I have not the time to do that. It is easy to get a monitoring service to keep you informed. I say to the C.B.C., through the minister, that they had better get their gloves off and go to work with these infiltrators. If they can infiltrate once and cause a serious mistake of this kind, they can do it again. They should clean out the whole mess, because it is a mess.

**Mr. Hansell:** Mr. Chairman, I usually give an annual speech on this item, and I do not think I should allow this session to be an exception to that rule. I have been a member of the radio committee of parliament for many years, whenever that committee has been set up. I want to say a few words again this session and to pick up a loose end or two.

We are happy, I am sure, to learn from the minister that discussions of this kind will put him as well as the C.B.C. on guard. I am going to take that for what it is worth. For how many years do we have to keep hammering and hammering on these things in order to have the minister and the C.B.C. be on guard? Surely they have known for years, by reason of discussions in this house, that there is resentment toward that type of program.

The minister said they produce 70,000 programs a year and there is bound to be the odd one which people do not like or which slips through their fingers unnoticed. Neither the minister nor the C.B.C. can hide behind statistics of 70,000 programs a year. That would amount to about 200 programs a day and there are not 200 programs of this kind a day, by any means. You cannot hide behind statistics in order to escape responsibility of this kind; not on your life.

As a matter of fact, it is not the odd one that slips through their fingers. As my leader has said, these things do not slip through their fingers. We have seen the build-up this program was given in the C.B.C. *Times* for more than one issue. That thing did not slip

[Mr. Low.]

through their fingers; it was a deliberate attempt to put over a piece of communist propaganda in the softening up process of the Canadian people to receive communism should it ever come. Make no mistake about that. With what the hon. member for Cape Breton South has said with regard to the cleverness of the communists I agree. They are clever; but surely we have clever men in our country, and surely there are clever men in the C.B.C. The clever men in the C.B.C., whether they are top officials, writers or anything like that, never go for that sort of stuff unless they are tarred with the same brush.

It is not only this program, it is a variety of things. There is the talks department, for instance. You can go all through the system and find the same thing happening. Some months ago a gentleman came to me and asked me if I had heard a certain program. I told him I had not, but he went on to tell me that that program ridiculed the Senate of Canada. He described the program as depicting the Senate as being a bunch of doddering old men who did not know where they were going, with a lot of gravy on their vests or something of that sort.

**An hon. Member:** A lot of gravy, anyway.

**Mr. Hansell:** Surely these programs should attempt to solidify our parliamentary institutions, not to ridicule the Senate. Over the years the socialists in this country have been advocating the abolition of the Senate. The program followed the line; there is no other answer. These people want to break down established institutions.

**Mr. Blackmore:** Particularly British institutions.

**Mr. Hansell:** Then they talk about balance and so forth, but what do they mean by balance? Balance between what? There is no balance between right and wrong. There is only one thing; that is, right. Of course I know what they will say, "Right as you see it." It is right as our free democratic concept dictates. That is what it is. The communist conception is wrong. That is all there is to it. If we have a governmental institution as powerful as the C.B.C. it should be used to help solidify our parliamentary institutions and our free democratic concepts, to exalt and portray our concepts in the best possible light, to exalt the crown. I say the crown because appointment to the Senate is a prerogative of the crown. That was another program.

If they are conscientious about it, if we are to rely upon the little bit of repentance we heard this morning from the mouth of the minister, let them go the whole hog and