

others, which have tried to do something about obscenity on our newsstands.

But, with respect to these other forms of communication such as radio and television I wonder whether consideration should not be given to the question of some sort of censorship. I am not thinking of a rigid censorship, because we do cherish the ideals of freedom of expression and freedom of speech in this country. One wonders whether a sense of responsibility actuates people who put such programs before the public. It must be remembered that these programs we are talking about are not something which you go out and buy like a book or a ticket to a theatre. They are piped into your living room, and on a Sunday night when youngsters and teen-aged children are exposed to them.

Hon. Mr. Beaubien (Bedford): And at public expense.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): Yes, at public expense. We have to rely on the responsibility of the higher officials, but upon inquiry I am informed that the higher officials of the public broadcasting system do not know what is going to be on these programs until they actually turn on the switch. This is a situation that should concern us all, because this program last night was a complete outrage against every decent-minded Canadian.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): I did not see all of this program, but the stories I have heard about it outraged me.

Honourable senators, there was another item on a local television station tonight which I thought went beyond the limit which the owners of the station or the network should go. It concerned young students from a local university who had made their way into the House of Commons on Friday. To prove a point, one of them had concealed in his coat pocket a tape recorder, and by means of the public address system had recorded a question that was asked in the house.

Nobody objects to this kind of thing, but those students said they went in there to prove that a person could very easily walk into the House of Commons—or the Senate for that matter, or any other congregation of people in the country—with a similar small package that could easily have been four or five sticks of dynamite, and blow the whole place up.

Perhaps these young men rendered a service by pointing this out. Thereafter they saw

the Sergeant-at-Arms. It may be that security measures in this building are not adequate. But, what I object to is that this might cause some demented people to say to themselves: This is my opportunity.

Why is this kind of thing done? Why are these people, who have access to an instrument that has so much power over public opinion, allowed to abuse their responsibility by using it in this way? These are questions which should be engaging our attention.

I rather expected a great deal more protest than I have heard today, but on my personal responsibility as a senator I owe it, if not to myself, then to the chamber and to the listening public of this country, to rise and protest, even though I do so on a point of privilege and without taking part in this debate.

Hon. Mr. White: Honourable senators, I move that this debate be adjourned.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, it has been moved by honourable Senator White, seconded by honourable Senator Aseltine—

Hon. Allister Grosart: Honourable senators, before his Honour the Speaker puts the motion may I add a comment to what has already been said? I am very grateful to Senator Choquette and Senator Connolly (Ottawa West) for what they have said about the C.B.C. program of last evening. They have said what they had to say well, but I do not think enough has been said on this subject, and I hope that other senators will follow me and express their views.

What is so often forgotten in this particular context is that this was a C.B.C. program. I agree entirely with what has been said. It was outrageous. It was disgusting. It was an affront to every adult and every young person who happened to be watching it.

What is also often forgotten is the fact that no private television station in the United States, Great Britain or here, would dare to put on a program such as this. We hear a great deal of criticism of our private enterprise system, but let us not forget that the private enterprise system would bring into being automatic checks because no sponsor or advertiser for one moment would allow himself to be associated with that kind of an affront to those he expects to have as his customers.

This brings me to the point that the money that was available for the production of this piece of utter rubbish—and this is not the first such material that has been produced on the