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said so from time to time in the committee, but I have seen the evidence of how they have carried out this duty. It took the private stations or affiliated stations to move into the area I represent in order for the people there to have television reception second to none. So there are many areas with regard to which the C.B.C. should be subjected to close cross-examination.

I will not go into great detail about the matter of program content, but many members have spoken about the program last Sunday evening in which the nazi leader in the United States was portrayed for 12 minutes. I do not think the C.B.C. should be spending Canadian money to put this type of leader before the Canadian people. But they have done it, and who am I to censor? Maybe a few people enjoyed watching the program; I do not know. But the main complaint I have with regard to the C.B.C. is that this corporate structure is growing, growing, ever growing, with no suggested limit and no suggested aim.

Mr. Byrne: Like the Tory party.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): There is that famous member speaking again from his seat. He makes more interjections than any other ten members of the house.

Mr. Cashin: Better to speak from your seat than through your hat.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): If he would only rise to his feet and make a speech I am sure we would all listen. His interjections are so wise, so well thought out that if he ever rose to make a speech I am sure he would have the ear of every member of the house. Mr. Chairman, I was saying I feel that in many respects the C.B.C. has done a tremendous job. It is a national network and we need such a network for some things, but I do not believe we should allow this structure to continue to grow without any aim or basic policy.

We should have a national network to serve as a news medium and as an educational medium, but it should get out of competition with Hollywood.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Some hon. members on the Liberal side clap their hands. I can well understand this because the C.B.C. tried its hand at making a Hollywood film of their leader and failed so badly that they would not let it be shown.

An hon. Member: They should make one of the galloping ghost.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): More interjections, Mr. Chairman. They filibustered this debate all day yesterday.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): They intend to filibuster it all day today, but from their seats. The risky business of making entertainment films should be left to free enterprise.

Mr. Cashin: Good for Barry; he is going to carry three states in Alberta.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): I have got another hour, Mr. Chairman. If they want to continue to interrupt me, that is fine. If they take this matter so lightly as to laugh about it, that is fine. That is the way the government takes most problems in Canada today. We saw them bring in one bill after another—the pension plan, on again off again; the labour code, in again out again; and with the farm legislation, because they had bull-headed Harry behind it they bulled it through to the benefit of few farmers across the country. We have seen their type of arrogance.

Some ten minutes ago I was trying to summarize my remarks by suggesting parliament should not be a censor of programs shown on the C.B.C., but I do think parliament should give guidance to the general aims and policy of the corporate structure. The capital cost of the C.B.C. continues to grow, and as the capital structure of the C.B.C. grows so will the cost. This is inevitable. The C.B.C. should not be in competition with Hollywood. Let them sell, let them lease, let them do what they may with their film studios, but let them get out of competition with Hollywood in such a risky business.

The C.B.C. can do good work as a news and educational medium. It can educate Canadians on various industries located across the country, and if we feel purely Canadian films should be made, let us leave that up to the national film board, which is another corporate body. We have two corporate bodies and, to quote my hon. friend across the way, they are actually in competition with one another, one having no limit on the amount of money it can spend. That is practically the case with regard to the C.B.C.

Mr. Grégoire: Carried.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): My friends from deep left field are all in favour of the C.B.C. That is the way I interpret them.