

Supply—C.B.C.

Not once in all the time I lay there listening to these commentaries did I hear one rightist objective talk about places like Cyprus. I never once heard the fact mentioned that Greece had never been in possession of that land. I never once heard that a great proportion of the population on Cyprus is Turkish. I never once heard it emphasized to the public that if the island and its people were given over to the complete control of Greece, these many thousands of Turkish residents who have just as much right to be there as the Greek residents would be at the mercy of a group of—what shall I call them? I cannot find words to describe them. They are nothing but anarchists who want to gain control by force. What better are they than communists? Not a bit better.

Under the circumstances it would seem to me it is the responsibility of the C.B.C., which chooses these commentators, to see to it that the other side of the question is given as much prominence as the leftist side is given.

**Mr. Philpott:** What about Wilson Woodside? Did you not hear him this year?

**Mr. Low:** I am sorry but I did not.

**Mr. Philpott:** He has been on several times.

**Mr. Low:** As I said, during the period of months when I was on my back and listening carefully to these broadcasts I did not hear one single commentator present anything but the leftist side of the case. It may be that Wilson Woodside occasionally gives a newscast that presents a more objective view or that plays up the right side, but if so he is one of the very few. He is like a voice in the wilderness.

**An hon. Member:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Low:** I hear one of my C.C.F. friends saying "Hear, hear". He agrees with what I said. He does this, of course, because it is true.

The hon. member for Hamilton South spoke at some length about slanting newscasts. I am not going to comment whatever on what the hon. member said, except to say that what he said is in large part very true. There was serious slanting done in relation to the news during that period when we were having the pipe-line battle in this house. I would like to mention an incident that occurred about that time over the C.B.C. television network which is not a case of slanting but one of absolute falsification.

I was lying on my back at home one evening listening to a telecast; I believe it was "Press conference". One of my colleagues, the hon. member for Macleod, was being interviewed by a group of people amongst

whom was Grant Dexter of the *Winnipeg Free Press*. At one stage Mr. Dexter referred to something that had happened just a day or two before in the house concerning my friend the hon. member for Bow River.

During the course of one of his addresses the hon. member for Bow River pulled out a dollar bill and said something to this effect: "Now, what is it that gives value to this?" He referred to the fact that the bill was signed by officers of the Bank of Canada and proceeded to read the names on the dollar bill. He mentioned the name of Mr. Coyne who is the governor of the Bank of Canada. Now this bird, Grant Dexter, up in the gallery, took for granted that he had deliberately mispronounced it, and on the "Press Conference" program to which I have referred he charged—

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. I do not think it is fair to refer to a member of the press gallery who is not able to defend himself as a bird.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Dexter should be referred to as a man, which he is.

**An hon. Member:** He was looking at you.

**Mr. Sinclair:** You should practise what you preach.

**Mr. Low:** Does my hon. friend who has raised the objection think anybody could ever win a battle against a columnist in his own column? My goodness, don't think we are so naive, my friend, as to believe this is true. Mr. Dexter will have plenty of opportunity to reply to me through the columns of the *Winnipeg Free Press* and by other means. He will say what he thinks about me; in fact, he has done that already. I would not have a ghost of a chance.

Mr. Chairman, let me now return to what I wanted to say. If this is distasteful to my hon. friend he can always leave. There is a nice room back of this chamber where he can cool his heels.

**Mr. Hees:** I just do not believe that you should make remarks like that concerning a man who cannot answer back.

**Mr. Low:** Oh, he can answer back.

**Mr. Johnston (Bow River):** Mr. Chairman, I think the hon. member for Peace River should be permitted to continue what he is saying.

**Mr. Low:** Well, Mr. Chairman, this bird up in the press gallery—

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Chairman, just in order to avoid confusion I think it should be mentioned that there are two gentlemen in the