

would certainly be infinitely superior to the present antiquated building which the Corporation has to use for its centre of operations.

It would have been quite possible to have given the City of Vancouver most of the site for park purposes and have retained a small part of the site for the C.B.C. However, after many months of negotiation—and these negotiations have been going on now for about 15 months—the Government has agreed to transfer the entire site to the City of Vancouver, without reservation. It is true that the government had hoped that the city would negotiate an agreement with the C.B.C. for the use by the Corporation of some of the buildings and part of the land. But just recently the majority of the City of Vancouver Council voted against this particular proposal. I maintain that the Government has a responsibility to ensure that the C.B.C. in Vancouver obtains better quarters.

There has been a constant movement of actors, directors and producers from Vancouver to Toronto. A very large number of the most talented people at C.B.C. Toronto came from Vancouver. I believe that if there were more opportunities for them on the West Coast, we could retain many of them there and further improve the type of production coming from Vancouver. More budget for production is part of the problem, and I have raised this in the House before. Better production and building facilities are also part of the answer. I agree that ideally the Kitsilano Park site should be used for park and recreational purposes and the C.B.C. should have a completely new building. I admit that putting the C.B.C. into Kitsilano is a second-best solution.

As I said before, the Corporation does need in Vancouver for its regional B.C. headquarters and for production purposes a new building. I would suggest that if no agreement is reached with the City of Vancouver the Government has a responsibility to provide such quarters elsewhere, perhaps a building unit which could house both the C.B.C. and a west coast unit of the National Film Board. I believe there is consideration being given to the possibility of establishing in Vancouver a unit of the National Film Board.

In this connection the Government and the C.B.C. should bear in mind the offer made by the Reeve of Burnaby to the C.B.C. of land for a broadcasting complex at Burnaby. This site is not far removed from the centre of population. It is near all the main high-

ways and roads serving the population, and indeed the private television station in that area is further from the centre of the City of Vancouver than the site proposed by Burnaby. There is no particular reason why the C.B.C. should be in downtown Vancouver. But wherever it may locate, the Government has a responsibility to make sure that the C.B.C. has new quarters soon if the negotiations with the City of Vancouver fail.

• (10.10 p.m.)

There have been repeated reports during the past week that the majority of the city council is firmly opposed to the C.B.C. obtaining part of Kitsilano Park.

Mr. J. B. Stewart (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): When the hon. Member referred to this matter on June 3 he spoke in the indicative mood. He stated that a majority on the Vancouver City Council had voted against allowing the C.B.C. to occupy part of the Kitsilano site and went on to ask a question based on this supposed fact.

Tonight he has based his comments—it was hardly a question—on a much more hypothetical approach to the matter. We find the word “if” appearing in at least two places in what he says. I think he now realizes that the city council has not come to a final conclusion. My understanding is that the C.B.C. will be making representations to the council shortly in connection with this matter.

Until the city council has concluded its examination of the subject and has communicated its decision, any action based on an assumption concerning that decision would clearly be premature. I think I should reassure the hon. Member by telling him that the hon. Member for Vancouver-Burrard is constantly interested in this very question.

PARLIAMENT HILL—PROVISION FOR PARKING FOR TOURIST BUSES

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Carleton): I should like to call the attention of the Minister of Public Works to a local crisis which has developed on Parliament Hill itself.

Each year, as we have all observed, the numbers of school children tourists, and others who come to visit Ottawa and Parliament Hill, is increasing at a rapid rate. When they come by chartered bus they get off the bus in front of the centre door and at that point it has unfortunately, this season, become necessary for the buses to be in-