

the principles of the Broadcasting Act. The local TV station would gladly express the views of myself or others regarding the facts, but there is no need; the people in our area know what the facts are and are aware of the distortions. The viewers outside our area, in the rest of Canada, are the ones who must be given the facts. We therefore request with all sincerity that the CBC network allow a group of our responsible citizens to be participants on a network program that would clearly establish the true facts, the proper perspective and rectify the damage as much as can now be done.

A very grave injustice has been perpetrated, Mr. Speaker, and with all the citizens in our area I have every reason to expect that both the CRTC and the CBC will see to it that it is corrected at the earliest opportunity. I have already received numerous very bitter representations regarding this incident. They are available for all interested parties to see. I am hopeful that justice will be done.

**Mr. James Hugh Faulkner (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Timmins (Mr. Roy) has already read into the record his telegram to the chairman of the CRTC and the reply dated March 16, so I shall not elaborate on that. I think it in large measure reflects the response of the CRTC. I may add that the CRTC has not yet had an opportunity to evaluate the particular program, but the tape is being

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requested. I should also like to report to the House and the hon. member that CBC officials have advised me as follows:

The corporation appreciates the fact that all who watch its programs such as the Mid-Canada documentary presented on CBC "Weekend", Sunday, March 14, will not agree with everything that is said. However, the CBC is satisfied that this presentation was made honestly and was neither distorted nor derogatory. The program was carefully planned and took nearly two years to research and indeed it dealt in a very sympathetic way with the problems of mid-Canada.

It might be useful to repeat the closing statement of the program which was as follows: "Helping the people of mid-Canada means helping local businessmen get the money they need to take advantage of the opportunities they perceived. It means helping Indians and whites get the education they need to take over the good jobs that do exist in mid-Canada."

● (10:20 p.m.)

Beyond that, Mr. Speaker, may I remind the hon. member that a number of the questions he raised in the course of his remarks can be, and no doubt will be, put to the CBC when they appear before the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

**Mr. Roy (Timmins):** It will be too late.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.