

right, if news services were found to be subversive of the interests of this country, or something of that kind, in times of stress to stop them. Our regulations are as follows:—

Stations shall not transmit any news or information of any kind published in any newspaper, collected, correlated, or coordinated by any newspaper or association of newspapers or any news agency or service except the following:—

- (a) Such news bulletins as are released regularly from the various bureaux of the Canadian Press for the express use of broadcasting stations in Canada;
- (b) Local news under arrangements to be made by each station individually with its local newspaper or newspapers, or such news as it may collect through its own employees;
- (c) News from sources other than those provided for in subsections (a) and (b) herein, shall not be broadcast unless the express permission in writing of the Corporation through its general manager is secured in advance.

Now, we have always received the most generous co-operation from the Canadian Press. They have given us their service. It is true it has been a limited service. They have given it to us for nothing. The service in so far as their share of it has been concerned, has, I think, been the best obtainable in all respects; but it has been felt for a long time, especially with the building of our big new transmitters, that we shall have to expand our news service both regionally and nationally. We have therefore just negotiated a new agreement with the Canadian Press, which I propose to read to you. I look upon it as a generous agreement, which involves the utmost freedom on both sides. It might interest you to know it is in line, I think, with the agreement which has recently been negotiated between the Associated Press and the two big American chains.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation does not allow commercial sponsorship of news broadcasting to go on its stations or networks, nor are we in favour of such commercial sponsorship, although we realize that private stations perhaps have the right to do it, and we have no wish to interfere with it at the moment except by encouragement to do otherwise.

Now, the agreement which I shall place before you is very short, and I shall read it to you:—

Whereas (1) the Canadian Press is the co-operative association of daily newspapers in Canada aiming to provide an objective and non-partisan service of Canadian, British and world news.

Whereas (2) the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is a public organization aiming to provide the Canadian people with a comprehensive broadcasting system.

Whereas (3) for the past five years the Canadian Press has supplied, free of cost, a limited bulletin service to the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission and its successor, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Whereas (4) because of the increase of network broadcasting time and the extension of nation-wide facilities of distribution through the establishment of high power regional stations, the importance is recognized of developing both the scope and the organization of the broadcast news service.

Whereas (5) the Corporation has resolved that it will not broadcast any commercially sponsored news over its own stations.