

performers. You know, it should not be thought that when we began operations, all the performers were there waiting for us. We discovered them, trained them, and made them stars.

**Mr. Fortier:** Is there any reason why your English-language colleagues could not discover English-Canadian performers, train them and make them stars?

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**The Chairman:** Well, it may not be a fair question to put to Mr. Giguère.

**Mr. Fortier:** I am sure Mr. Giguère will answer it or not.

**The Chairman:** We do not want to be unfair.

**Mr. Giguère:** To answer that question in all fairness I must say, they do some of that work. It is a matter of volume really because they are doing it, but the request presently is that they should do more. It is a question of...

[Translation]

**Mr. Fortier:** It is not insurmountable?

**Mr. Giguère:** No, not in my opinion.

**Mr. Fortier:** Do you still belong to the CAB?

**Mr. Giguère:** We still belong today.

**Mr. Fortier:** Why "today"?

**Mr. Giguère:** Because—and we said this publicly—we want to study the situation, first of all to discover what happened. We were astonished at the announcement, at the adoption of such a radical attitude, and we said that publicly, too. We said we would look into what happened before making a decision. We also stated that we might leave the CAB.

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**The Chairman:** Did not the *Toronto Telegram* in its Saturday edition say that you had left?

**Mr. Giguère:** Well, they may have said so. We did not.

**The Chairman:** Did they not?

**Mr. Fortier:** So did Joan Irvin in the *Montreal Star*.

**The Chairman:** They said in fact that you had left, but you were still considering your position.

**Mr. Giguère:** We are still a member of the CAB.

**Senator McElman:** Did you participate in the discussions up to the point of the presentation—that is the discussions of the CAB?

**Mr. Giguère:** Well, one of the members of our organization, Mr. Paul L'Anglais, is a Director of CAB. He sat in as a member of the CAB Board.

He suggested—and this also was declared publicly—amendments to the attitude of the CAB to the new proposals; and let us say that this is what we are looking into because after that meeting, there seems to have been some confusion. Something was left hanging up in the air apparently because I was definitely under the impression—I joined Mr. L'Anglais in Ottawa later that week—that the attitude of the CAB was not the one of complete negativity to the problem but one of, let us say, discussion.

White papers are put out for discussion and act is that we took the rules and regulations. We looked at what we are doing in our operation. I am not the judge of the other stations or other networks in this country, but we felt it was possible and we said so at that CAB meeting via Mr. L'Anglais who is a Director.

This is why we were so surprised not to say astonished, when publicly the legality of the CAB was really put in question.

This is an attitude that under no way shape or form we could be a part of. This is why we left the meeting.

**The Chairman:** The legality of the CRTC? You said CAB.

**Mr. Giguère:** I'm sorry, the CRTC.

**Senator McElman:** Would you then agree perhaps, Mr. Giguère, that between the point of the final meeting on the week-end of CAB, when it presumably reached a consensus of what its presentation should be and the point of that presentation, that there was perhaps a lack of communication within the CAB.

**Mr. Giguère:** That is what we are looking into, sir. That is what we want to find out. We want to find out what happened. You know, in a Board of Directors—I think there are 25 members on the Board. You can have 5 Directors that do not share the opinion of the majority and this is fine. We agree with the fact that the CAB could have presented a brief that would not be in line with that one.