

last evening—I do not know how many honourable senators saw this—there appeared on television one of the most disgusting spectacles I have ever seen.

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: Compared to this program, "This Hour Has Seven Days" was mild. There was Lesbianism and homosexuality. People were asked: "Do you have as much thrill with a man as you have with a woman? Do you have as much thrill with a Lesbian as you have with a man?"—and similar questions—all before the eyes and ears of our children.

Honourable senators, let us not look to legislation which is unnecessary and uncalled for at the moment, but let us look at these problems which are urgent.

I am going to conclude my remarks with an excerpt from an article, one of the most fascinating I have read in years, entitled, "A Jew in Germany," the author being Irving Layton. He is a young Jewish poet who was quite reluctant to go to West Germany because he thought it was his duty, because of the persecution of his forefathers, his father and mother, to hate the German people for the rest of his days—the generation after the last war and the following generations as long as he would live. But when he went there he realized that he could not hate indefinitely, and that he should banish hatred from his heart. Here are the most touching things he had to say at the conclusion of his article:

In West Berlin I was in a playground and watched some German children, no less fair and helpless than my own two-year old son, toddling toward the sandbox. It was the greatest Jew of all who said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me.' He meant, don't infect them with your lousy hatreds and prejudices. Give them a break, don't cripple them, don't stunt them with the cruel nonsense, the racial and political ticks you've picked up along the way. If you can't delouse yourselves, at least let the children grow up free of them. Yes, that's what I think Jesus meant.

Well, when I saw the blonde, blue-eyed toddlers in the sandbox and afterward held one of them on my knee, I mentally said, 'No one, but no one, is ever going to hurt those kids.' Not while I'm alive, by God.

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QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—C.B.C. TELEVISION PROGRAM "SUNDAY"

Hon. John J. Connolly: Honourable senators, may I rise on a question of privilege concerning a point raised by the honourable Senator Choquette with respect to a program that he apparently viewed on television last evening?

I rise now on a question of privilege in my private capacity as a member of the Senate because I, along with other honourable senators, have today received a number of telephone calls describing situations in homes in which the children were sent off to bed, or the television set was switched off, because of the content of the program mentioned by Senator Choquette. Concern has been expressed by adults in respect of the kind of performance that was broadcast by the national television network last evening.

This program dealt with sex matters in a way that I could not describe half as luridly as did my honourable friend Senator Choquette. It dealt also with sensational aspects which were—and I think not for the first time—anti-religious. If they were not anti-religious, at least they offended the sensibilities of a large segment of the population of this country.

Because of the representations I and other honourable senators have received, and because of what Senator Choquette has said, I should like to say, on a point of privilege, on my own responsibility and without engaging in the debate on the bill before us, that at one time it was felt that censorship should be introduced in an endeavour to regulate the movie industry. The Hay's office was established. I cannot say whether it was completely successful because I do not know, but at least it was an attempt to instill a sense of responsibility into people who might use a medium of communication to the detriment of the public at large.

My honourable friend referred also to the existence on the newsstands of periodicals and other kinds of literature of a very obscene character. The Honourable E. Davie Fulton, when he was in Opposition at an earlier time, caused some legislation dealing with this situation to be put on the statute books. The law, of course, does not succeed always in establishing the ideals of the moral code. The Honourable Mr. Fulton went as far as he could, but I think it is up to the public authority in cases of that kind to deal effectively with them, and without fear of the consequences. There are organizations such as the Legion of Decency and church groups and