

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And in addition to that, with regard to the supply of news for the shortwave station at Sackville, is there some further payment?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes, there is; to the Canadian Press.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: How much is that?

Dr. FRIGON: \$40,000.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And have you, through the Canadian Press and the British United Press, sufficient facilities for securing all the news you need in order to satisfy your listeners?

Dr. FRIGON: Well, we have through the Canadian Press and the British United Press all the news that the newspapers receive from those two agencies. We do not subscribe to the Radio News Service, the radio service. We subscribe to the Daily Press Service. In other words, we get everything from those two agencies that the newspapers get. According to our present mode of operation, this is sufficient to give us all the material we need to write our newscasts.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: As far as the demands of the listening public or the needs of the CBC for dissemination of news are concerned, there would be no demand for any additional news service such as that provided through the *Daily Star* over CBL?

Dr. FRIGON: There would be a demand and there is a demand in certain cases for more strictly local news, and that could be best covered by a local station unless we ourselves go into that field.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And you say it would be economical and proper to give up time, the total cost of which would be some \$42,000 a year in the city of Toronto, so that the people of Toronto may secure local news?

Dr. FRIGON: I should like to refer that to the board.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: What would your opinion be as general manager? Or would you sooner not answer that question?

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: What was the question, please?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Having regard to the news services that now exist, there would be justification to lose \$42,000 a year in revenue, in order to supply the city of Toronto with local news services.

Dr. FRIGON: I should like to have local news on all our stations; but if we start in that field it would mean quite an outlay of money, and I do not think we can afford it now.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I see. You made reference this morning to one letter in which it was stated that the *Daily Star* should not be in any inferior position to the other two papers in Toronto.

Dr. FRIGON: Did I? I do not recall that.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: No. I say there was a quotation from one of the letters.

Dr. FRIGON: Oh, yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Which you made reference to. As far as other papers are concerned, any news services that they have are through arrangements with local private stations?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I was very much struck with one letter here in regard to the Toronto listening audience, in reference to one man.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: What is the date, please?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It is the letter of September 30, 1938. The portion I refer to reads as follows:—