

Supply—C.B.C.

covered by this report reference is made to the fact that debate was choked off. Here we go again:

Opposition cries "shame". "Choke". "Shame".

Then we have a few more pages on which the word "shame" appears. Here is one:

"Shame", George Drew reports.

Then we have an example of the commentary that was given by some of the members of the press gallery. I do not know whether these are called commentaries or whether they are news reportings by the press gallery. If they are news commentaries possibly I am wrong in criticizing them, but I consider them to be a part of the news because the C.B.C. has no reporter in the press gallery, and it should have.

I am not picking on any one particular person, but the first name I come to is Doug Leiterman of the Southam news service. He said:

Parliament hasn't seen such a day as this in this country. At times, the house was completely out of control and seemed about to fly apart at any moment. The members shouted, they were shouted down; the Speaker ruled, then he reversed himself. Once, the opposition refused to vote at all. Liberal back-benchers sang "Alouette" and drowned out George Drew.

Some hon. Members: It is true.

Some hon. Members: It is not true.

Mr. Reinke: It may be true, but it does not give any explanation about what took place in the chamber, nor does it mention the people who were doing the rioting. Here is another example:

Through it all, the Prime Minister sat, shoulders hunched, and spoke not a word. His motion of closure was pushed through, but the opposition is still fighting its legality.

We come now to June 1:

Mr. Drew's motion calls upon the Commons to resolve that it no longer has any confidence in the Speaker, and makes three accusations against him: first, that he improperly reversed a decision of his own without notice and without giving any opportunity for discussion; second, that he has repeatedly refused to allow members to address the house on occasions when the rules provide that they have the right to be heard; and third, that he has subordinated the rights of the house to the will of the government.

The first accusation refers to Mr. Beaudoin's decision, at the opening of today's sitting, when he ruled that a motion by Colin Cameron of the C.C.F. was out of order.

It does not mention why the Speaker ruled that motion out of order.

An hon. Member: Did he mention it?

Mr. Reinke: The whole thing is very cleverly put together.

An hon. Member: Of course he did. It was so terrible it had to be mentioned.

[Mr. Reinke.]

Mr. Reinke: We come now to June 4:

The opposition leader in the House of Commons has come out in favour of full public ownership of an all-Canadian natural gas pipe line.

Well, sure he did, but as a third alternative. Anyone who listened to the news broadcast would immediately get the impression that the Leader of the Opposition was in favour of full public ownership of the pipe line. This is strictly a distortion of the truth.

We come now to some of the other commentaries. Here is one by Arthur Blakely; he is a dandy, all right. It reads:

Choked off debate on the subject—guillotine.

He uses the word "guillotine" all the way through. It is not as though he were referring to some member of the opposition using the word "guillotine". He goes on to explain what closure is and says:

The present rule of closure was introduced by the Borden government in 1913 as a means of ending debate on the now almost forgotten navy bill.

He refers to its use in 1917, 1919 and 1921, and when he comes to 1926 he says:

In 1926 the King government used the guillotine.

And then he says:

... the Bennett government resorted to the use of closure in 1932 to secure passage of the then controversial unemployment relief bill. The rule "closure" is obviously one to be reserved for emergency use only.

Mr. Ellis: A rose by any other name.

Mr. Hellyer: Down, Wimpy.

Mr. Reinke: And then of course we get into the interviews with the various leaders of the parties.

Some hon. Members: Clause 1; clause 2; clause 3.

Mr. Reinke: These are really worth reading. Of course the leader of the C.C.F. party is reported as saying:

I believe the people of the country will understand that this is a giving to an American corporation of a very large amount of Canadian money. It is said, of course, that some of it is loaned.

Of course, that is his business if he wants to talk like that.

An hon. Member: Well, thank you.

Mr. Reinke: The leaders of all the opposition parties in the house are mentioned, but there is no mention of the leader of the Social Credit party.

Mr. Ellis: He was just a Liberal echo.

An hon. Member: What do you think you were?

Mr. Reinke: Then we come to Stanley Burke. He uses the word "guillotine" for closure, and he does not even bother to