

II. DURING GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

1. Federal Elections

(a) Commencement of campaign

For the purposes of broadcasting arrangements, the campaign will be held to begin on the date of dissolution of Parliament, or, if the date of polling is announced before dissolution, on a day to be determined by the Board of Broadcast Governors.

(b) National political parties

The Corporation grants the privilege of free network time for political broadcasting to bona fide parties, which are national in extent and which reflect a substantial body of opinion throughout the country. While it is impossible to lay down an exact definition, it is suggested that such parties would meet all of the following requirements:

- i. Have policies on a wide range of national issues.
- ii. Have a recognized national leader.
- iii. Have a nation-wide organization established as the result of a national conference or convention.
- iv. Have representation in the House of Commons.
- v. Seek the election of candidates in at least three of the provinces and put into the field at least one candidate for every four constituencies.

(c) Distribution of time

The Corporation will set aside an amount of free time on its national networks to provide for adequate presentation of the policies of the national political parties involved. The parties will be asked to agree mutually on the division of the time. In the event parties cannot agree on the division of free time, the matter may be referred to the Board of Broadcast Governors to allocate the available time in such a fair and reasonable manner as it deems necessary.

If on Nomination Day it is determined that a party has failed to meet the provisions of (b)v. above, the remaining programs allocated to the party in the free time schedule will be cancelled.

Free network time may also be allotted to parties with no representation in the House of Commons, if at Nomination Day they have provided definite evidence of meeting the other provisions of (b) above.

To new national political parties, the Corporation may allot an amount of free national network time to bring to listeners an adequate presentation of the party's program and policies. The time so allotted will be over and above the amount given to the existing national political parties.

(d) French network

To meet the special requirements of the French network, arrangements may be made to broadcast a translation or a companion or parallel address in French to be carried on the French network.

(e) Network broadcasts over private stations

The national networks which will be provided free to the parties will comprise stations owned by the Corporation and stations affiliated with a CBC national network. In addition, other privately-owned stations may carry the national broadcasts on a sustaining basis; but if so they must carry the complete series. The privately-owned stations which decide to carry the broadcasts do so without charge. The cost of any lines necessary to include stations in the networks is borne by the CBC.