

COPY OF RESOLUTION RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER
FROM THE CALGARY BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN LABOR PARTY.

Resolution unanimously adopted at meeting of Canadian Labor Party, held in Labor Temple, Calgary, Wednesday, January 25th, 1939.

Whereas, freedom of discussion of public questions on the air, with equal opportunities for the presentation of widely differing points of view, is essential to the effective functioning of democratic institutions; and

Whereas, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation does provide such opportunities for discussion by competent spokesmen without cost to the participants; and

Whereas, the C.B.C. invited Mr. George McCullagh, editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail, to take part in such discussions and this invitation was declined, Mr. McCullagh insisting that he should be given the right to purchase time on the C.B.C. Chains; and

Whereas, genuine freedom of discussion would be gravely jeopardised if opportunities to speak over these chains were to be made proportionate to the financial resources of interests sponsoring such broadcasts;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we commend the action of the C.B.C. in refusing to meet Mr. McCullagh's demand and are of the opinion that the granting of any such privilege as he sought would be a step towards the conversion of the C.B.C. chains into a monopoly of the wealthy.

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