

Vancouver and Calgary. Look at the jobs and untapped talent, the opportunities Canadians will never have. We now have that opportunity. It is like *Reader's Digest*. *Reader's Digest* now has a special privilege, but is it to advance Canadian talent and culture? No. They can rip a page out of *Harper's* down in the United States and rewrite it in Montreal. KVOS has employed more Canadian writers, artists, actors, musicians, film technicians, animators and other production people throughout the years than any independent English TV stations based in Canada, except for Toronto.

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The Government of Canada seems to have had respect for this television station. It has recognized it, because Canada Manpower has worked with Canawest to help in the training of these people who are working in Vancouver. In the nine years from 1965, company reinvestment has been made possible and funds have been put back into B.C. in the form of taxes, payrolls and other public and private expenditures to the tune of \$26 million—\$76 million in nine years. That is hardly peanuts. KVOS is different. The west is different. It isn't a border station out of Toronto. But because of the myopic outlook in the east, they can only see the west in relation to what fits their pattern in the east.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Holt: We are different. We have a different world. It is not fair to compare a corporate citizen of British Columbia who has lived in the spirit of what Canada wants of Canadian subsidiaries with all the other border TV stations. I cannot argue the case for Buffalo, though I suspect that they probably have a case too. That is for responsible Ontarian people to decide.

Mr. Collenette: Rubbish.

Mrs. Holt: I do not say whether it is rubbish or whether it is not rubbish. That is for you to decide. I will take the care of the west in this case because I know the west; I am a westerner.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Holt: Let us at least leave an opening in this bill, through this amendment, so that if KVOS can come up with a plan which is better for broadcasting in B.C. than the punitive effect of this bill, it will have an opportunity to do so. And the bill is punitive. George Bernard Shaw said—and I repeat this over and over again—that when you set out to kill, that is assassination, and assassination is the extreme form of censorship. We are out to kill these corporate landed immigrants. Let us find a better way to handle this issue. All right, let's Canadianize them, help them to Canadianize, encourage them to Canadianize. It is a tax bill, it is not a content bill, it is not a game you are playing; and any time you handle law in the way this law is being handled, you are allowing the law to fall into jeopardy and to be destroyed. It is time those who seem to control so much legislation in the House—they and their agencies—learned about the west. I repeat, we are not Ontario and we are not Montreal.

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Incidentally, I wonder what would happen if the Americans were to decide they would not let us have their shows at low cost. What would happen if they said to us, "Okay, you will pay the same price for our shows as we expect from Americans." I believe a half-hour show costs \$150,000 in the United States and \$2,000 in Canada; for an hour, \$250,000 in the United States and \$5,000 here. What would happen to poor old Kojak on CBC and CTV? What would happen to our advertising? There would not be enough advertising revenue to keep our own networks going. The CBC and CTV sell tens of thousands of dollars worth of advertising around these shows. We are willing to take this material when it makes money for us. Is this nationalism? We won't allow the same thing for *Reader's Digest*. Well, we have allowed it in a way, but it is hardly Canadian content. Or for *Time*. Canadian networks and stations could not produce Canadian programs if it were not for the profit made on U.S. shows.

The dishonesty of Bill C-58 is exemplified by the fact that we juggle it around to make it fit what we want to achieve. I hear we have now allowed another exemption in respect of some newspapers in Alberta. Mr. Speaker, each time we allow another exemption the intent of the law becomes more apparent. It is determined to kill border stations like KVOS, or debilitate them and destroy Canada's editions of *Time*. I am from the west, in the far west, and I like to get those eight pages together with the rest of the international content. If we debilitate the border stations, we debilitate a lot of our own taste, our culture and our advertising. Let me point out that it will only be the big advertisers who will be able to afford the local networks because they are going to raise their prices—and they have contributed very, very little to cultural development in the west.

I wish to refer now to justice in the contents of this bill. There is no justice in the bill, and once justice is violated it can be destroyed. The same can be said of freedom. If freedom in the media is violated, the danger is apparent: it, too, can be destroyed. Justice and freedom are delicate pillars in a democracy. The slightest erosion can cause the collapse of our free society.

I think this bill is an extremely serious matter. I am not sure that everybody is with me. Indeed, I am positive that my colleagues are not with me. I cannot understand why they fail to see the magnitude of this issue. Every journalist in the country, every editorial writer in the country has been saying the same thing. There is only one paper which has taken a different view, and that is the *Toronto Star* which seems to be a bedmate with Southam's which has an interest in some of the cable and television companies which are now being protected by this legislation.

An hon. Member: That's incest.

Mrs. Holt: I don't know. It may be a queer relationship. Now we see bad law being adjusted, manipulated, changed. We see exceptions made and introduced. And when exceptions are made, what kind of law is being created? This law has been drawn up to meet special interests, adjusted and juggled for reasons of political expediency, it seems. I would hate to think that was so, but when this happens it is not the law of a just society but the law of tyranny, the