

*Motions for Papers*

all three—the first world war, the second world war, and the threat posed by the communist world after 1945—the three countries have drawn together in arms and spirit. That alliance has in the past helped to preserve the democratic tradition in the modern world. We hope that it will continue to do so in the future.

The references to the press, Mr. Speaker, do not appear in this book. There are, however, references in another book to which I will refer later. In evaluating the expenditures the C.B.C. may or may not have made to these gentlemen, we are led to a consideration of the other expenditures the corporation may make. We are brought also to a consideration of whether or not it is desirable that we should consider the amounts the C.B.C. may have paid to individuals. Are we, in parliament, in a position to decide upon the individual wages due to these individual people? The indemnities paid to a member of parliament are of course a matter of public knowledge; but we are public servants. The people who know our indemnities are, in a general sense, our employers.

Comments are made from time to time on the size of the crews the C.B.C. sends out to cover a given story. It would appear to me that sometimes these crews are large. It would appear to me also that sometimes they do not go into all the areas of this country, and thus fail to give the whole picture. However, there are experts within the industry who perhaps can decide these things which are, in the large sense, too small to be debated fully in parliament.

It has been said that the C.B.C. can do a tremendous job with eight men in four days which could be done by other companies with a crew of four men in two days. I am not in a position to judge the accuracy of this statement. However, it does seem to me from time to time that some of the crews the C.B.C. uses on special projects are excessive. I think it may be fair to say that the C.B.C. has no vision of the future of Canada. It has spent a given amount, we do not know how much, on this program. I do not say we should know the amount paid to these individuals. However, it does appear from the size of the program and the number of people the C.B.C. fits into this program, that the corporation is spending money which could more properly be spent on giving service to areas which at this moment do not have service at all, or have limited service from the C.B.C. and other stations.

The question of the C.B.C. paying or not paying is a matter of some interest. There is an area in my own riding where for many

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years the news announcers and people appearing on special programs have not been paid at all. They are volunteers. Even today, there are only one or two programs on that particular station for which the C.B.C. pays wages. The station operates in collaboration with the United States Air Force.

However, the fact that the C.B.C. does not pay wages in an area does not mean that they should not pay to bring people on television in the larger areas. It will always be necessary to pay to get the type of people the corporation wants on these national programs. It comes back again to the question of evaluating the two things, one, the price that should be paid and, two, whether that payment should be made public. In order to establish the price that should be paid, I believe it would be necessary to ascertain what other people in the industry are being paid for a given time. It would be necessary to establish what these gentlemen are paid for other services. I cannot say that I envy the job of the C.B.C. in establishing the amount to pay those various people, especially guest stars. I am led to understand that at times they can become temperamental and want the same payment as another star, or possibly a better time for the program. I would not like to have to decide the amount to be paid to one star in relation to what is paid to another.

While I feel that from time to time the C.B.C. may be spending some of its money less efficiently than I should like, I do not believe the amounts paid to individuals should be announced publicly, any more than the wages paid an individual in private industry should be made public. The amount an employer pays to his employees is not generally a matter of public knowledge. He does not generally announce it to the other employees, nor does he publish it in the newspapers. This is something the employee of course knows, and the employer knows.

● (6:40 p.m.)

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, a member of parliament's indemnity is known to him and his employer, which is the public. However, the people's earnings are a matter of concern to themselves alone and are not necessarily public information. I need mention only the secrecy of the income tax form. An individual taxpayer's income is not generally a matter for the rest of the world to know about, unless of course he wishes to make it known.

I suppose it could be said that the amount spent on producing a given program for a season or the total amount paid to performers