

in the media like in a conquered country, in those bad times, the death of a single free man is a national catastrophe!

[English]

GENERAL ELECTION

NUMBER OF DAYS LEFT IN CURRENT TERM

Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I know that you are anxious to know about the election clock. The government that respects democracy has 248 days left for the reckoning, and the cowardly government, the government that is contemptuous of democracy, has 634 days.

● (1420)

CBC

OMISSION OF NEW BRUNSWICK FROM NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Hon. Eymard G. Corbin: Honourable senators, I have in my hands a *Toronto Star* article of March 17, 1992—

Senator Barootes: Burn it.

Senator Frith: I heard that the other night on television in a show about German Nazis.

Senator Corbin: This article, which was brought to my attention just now, is titled "New Brunswick snubbed again." The story is datelined Fredericton. It is a CP story. It says:

New Brunswick must feel that it's the illegitimate child of Confederation.

I certainly object to that wording. The story continues:

Although the province's fathers were part of this country's founding family, the CBC has a habit of overlooking this Maritime province in its national programming.

In fact, we do not have a CBC English network for both radio and TV in New Brunswick. We have radio, but we do not have television. The story goes on:

New Brunswick has been snubbed again by being excluded from a 125th-anniversary program, scheduled to air across Canada on Thursday night.

The Barbara Ann Quigley Ensemble of Moncton was told last week its performance of a French-English song has been cut from the 90-minute special, *The National Doubt*, because of time constraints.

"I am really outraged by the decision," Quigley said in an interview yesterday.

"When you're talking about a program on Canadian unity and a province is deliberately left out, especially New Brunswick—Canada's only officially bilingual province—you can't help but feel, well, picked on."

The folk-jazz quartet was the only New Brunswick act in the show, a musical comedy that takes a satiric look at the plague of "national doubt" engulfing the land.

Honourable senators, I never thought that New Brunswick would be snubbed that way by the CBC, but in fact I am not surprised that we have been.

[Translation]

The CBC French network is no better than its English counterpart—

Hon. Norbert Thériault: It is even worse!

Senator Corbin: I agree with you, senator Thériault. We could put them both in the same category of the worst sinners. Every day, they talk on the news coming from Montreal about Quebec and English Canada whether the subject is, for instance, constitutional negotiations, constitutional studies or constitutional talks. This is what we get from those two great networks.

Canadians are fed up with those national networks which only discredit national realities every time they get the opportunity. Thank you, honourable senators.

[English]

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

SIXTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. Finlay MacDonald, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications, presented the following report:

Wednesday, March 18, 1992

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications has the honour to present its

SIXTH REPORT

Your Committee, to which was referred the Bill C-5, An act to amend the Aeronautics Act and to amend An Act to amend the Aeronautics Act, has in obedience to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 11, 1991, examined the said Bill and now reports the same without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Finlay MacDonald
Chairman

The Hon. the Speaker pro tempore: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

On motion of Senator MacDonald (*Halifax*), report placed on Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

● (1430)

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO MEET DURING SITTING OF THE SENATE

Hon. Nathan Nurgitz: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding ruling 59(1)(a), I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Hastings: