

These are the questions: Did CFCN, Calgary, 1010 kilocycles, ask permission in 1944 to expand its power to 50,000 watts?

Was CFCN refused permission to increase its output to 50,000 watts?

Who were the men who refused this permission?

Did the C.B.C. seek concurrence of the government in C.B.C.'s decision to refuse?

Did the government concur?

Was the concurrence the result of ministerial decision or departmental decision or cabinet decision? What were the reasons for the decision to deny CFCN the privilege of extending its power to 50,000 watts in 1944?

If the decision was made by the C.B.C. without the concurrence of the government, what were the government's safeguards against preventing the development of private stations, that failed of effectiveness in preventing this unwarranted blocking of the development of the splendid private station known as CFCN? That is, if the government has safeguards to protect private stations, in what respect did the government safeguards prove deficient in this case?

Did the C.B.C. force CFCN to sell \$158,473.44 worth of time for \$28,680.72? How can the minister justify this action by C.B.C.?

Did C.B.C. on April 18, 1946, notify CFCN that CFCN must give up the CFCN channel of 1010 kilocycles and that CFCN must take the channel of 1060 kilocycles? How can the minister justify this action by the C.B.C.? Will this displacement from the 1010 kilocycle channel to the 1060 kilocycle channel lose for CFCN much of CFCN's financial income because CFCN on the new 1060 kilocycle channel must protect Philadelphia and Mexico, thereby cutting off CFCN from the great bulk of the radio audience in southern Alberta, a relatively thickly populated area and one that CFCN has served and served well for years? How does the minister justify this action of the C.B.C. in weakening the financial position of CFCN a private radio station?

Will this displacement of CFCN from the 1010 kilocycle channel to the 1060 channel lose for CFCN a large portion of its audience, thereby impairing the effectiveness of this efficient private station CFCN? How can the minister justify such action by the C.B.C.?

May I comment here and say that it has been argued that C.B.C. has to take over the CFCN, 1010 kilocycle channel and protect it by raising the power to 50,000 watts to ensure that Canada will have that channel allotted to her at the 1947 international conference. May I point out that CFCN had

in 1944 sought to increase the strength or power of CFCN to 50,000 watts and was refused.

To go on with the questions. Is it proposed to establish in Alberta, at Red Deer or thereabouts, a 50,000 watt C.B.C. radio station?

Does the powerful C.B.C. station at Watrous, Saskatchewan, not easily reach all of Alberta from the United States border to a point far north of Edmonton?

What possible justification can there be for establishing a 50,000 watt C.B.C. station in Alberta and taking away from CFCN its 1010 kilocycle channel?

Finally, will not a powerful C.B.C. radio station near Red Deer tend to overwhelm the CFCN station even on 1060 kilocycles?

It will be obvious to all members of the committee that, if the answers to the questions which I have asked pertaining to the way in which C.B.C. has dealt with CFCN are such as I fear they will be, it will be difficult for the C.B.C. to justify itself on the ground of good behaviour. I am giving the C.B.C. an opportunity to explain all these matters through the minister.

May I return now to the questions and ask them one by one, so that the minister can answer, after having had an opportunity to consider them.

An hon. MEMBER: Carried.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Yes, I know you wish it was carried.

An hon. MEMBER: Question.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I do not blame you for questioning it; it is getting pretty hot.

An hon. MEMBER: We want to go home.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I want to go home when the business of this house is finished. I shall ask these questions slowly, so the minister can answer them.

Is the government aiming to encourage the development of private stations in Canada? What would the minister say?

Mr. McCANN: Yes, we are.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. BLACKMORE: I am sure the minister would want to have his answers heard.

Mr. McCANN: Yes.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Will the minister answer loudly enough, because others are trying to answer for him. Is the government endeavouring to give the Canadian people what the Canadian people want over the radio?