

CBC Squanders Millions Is Backbencher's Charge

OTTAWA (CP) — Ralph Cowan, outspoken Liberal backbencher, denounced the CBC for more than an hour in the Commons Thursday and urged the publicly-owned radio and TV system be sold to private interests.

He accused the CBC of squandering millions of tax dollars and competing unfairly with private broadcasters for advertising revenue.

"How far are we going to allow this corporation to roam unchecked?" he asked amid thunderous applause from Conservatives, Creditists, Social Credit MP and some Liberals.

Mr. Cowan (York—West) held the Commons spellbound in the ninth day of debate on an interim supply bill as he slammed the CBC with accurate statistics and biblical quotations. The bill, later passed, gives the government interim spending authority for three months.

"I believe the CBC in this day and age is unnecessary in this country," Mr. Cowan said. "It does not serve the public purpose that cannot be served by private broadcasters, and besides, it is a waste of money."

Finance Minister Gordon defended the CBC and said the Liberal party does not agree with Mr. Cowan it should be sold.

The Liberal party and other parties in the Commons believe in public broadcasting as declared. The Liberal party intended to continue to support the CBC.

Mr. Gordon spoke on behalf of State Secretary Lamontagne, the minister who reported to Parliament for the CBC, who was not in the House at the time.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, charged the CBC had in the last few months been permitting broadcasts which brought Parliament into contempt and singled out the official opposition for particular criticism.

MUST BE ON GUARD

If the CBC was to maintain impartiality, it must guard against the attitudes being used as a forum for near-illiberal or near-sectarian statements.

Mr. Cowan said the quality of TV programming had declined considerably in recent years and TV watching had become a secret vice, like smoking marijuana cigarettes or watching real home movies.

The bulk of the TV audience now was made up of children, and people who reported to him he was particularly aroused over a proposal in the last CBC annual report that the corporation be given 10-year parliamentary grants instead of depending on Commons votes each year.

REPORT RIDICULED

He ridiculed the report, written by CBC President Alphonse Ouimet, as a collection of "pronouncements from Mount Sinai."

Unlike other mortals, Mr. Ouimet did not want to worry about his daily bread. He wanted 10-year instalments from the taxpayers.

The only solution was to sell the CBC.

New Clashes Flare In India

BOMBAY (AP) — Fresh disturbances were reported Thursday from Ahmedabad, where more clashes in Indian food price riots have cost six lives. More than 100 have been injured in violent incidents between police and mobs.

Thursday's incidents occurred in a downtown section of Ahmedabad, capital of Gujarat state in western India, where police used tear gas twice to disperse rioting demonstrators protesting "police excesses."

Fifteen demonstrators and 10 police were injured as crowds tried to force schools and shops to close before noon.

The disturbances broke out Wednesday during a strike to demand cheaper grain, organized by an alliance of leftists.

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Hal Banks Loses Another Case
MONTREAL (CP) — Hal C. Banks, deposed president of the Seafarers International Union (I.U.), Thursday lost another court battle.

The injunction of Appeal ruled that an injunction taken out two years ago against the SIU was justified.

The injunction was obtained by Upper Lakes Shipping Limited which said that unloading of a ship at Trois-Rivières was being interrupted by violence. Banks and other SIU officers had threatened the situation "peaceful picketing."

Meanwhile, there was no word of the whereabouts of Banks, missing since a bailiff tried to serve an arrest warrant on him at his suburban Pointe Claire home three weeks ago. The warrant stemmed from the same picketing riot on which the appeals court ruled. Banks was found guilty last September of contempt of court after SIU members continued picketing in spite of the injunction.

MIGRANTS ARRIVE
In the year ended June 30, there were 25,000 long-term and permanent migrants admitted into Australia, up 36 per cent.

Grain Handling Costs Increase
WINNIPEG (CP) — The Board of Grain Commissioners Thursday announced regulations are to be amended to provide for an increase in charges for handling grain at terminal and eastern elevators.

In a memorandum to elevator operators, the board said effective Jan. 1 the maximum elevator charge will be increased by one-eighth of a cent for receiving, elevating, shipping, storing and insurance for the first five days. The increase will apply to wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, corn, rapeseed and mustardseed.

The board also said a \$6 shovelling charge will be applied at transfer points and St. Lawrence ports effective at the opening of the 1966 navigation season.

W. J. MacLeod, secretary of the board, said the increases were designed to meet growing costs of salaries, property taxes and of safety measures required in the elevators.

Money was also needed by elevators to expand and renew their facilities, he said.

AUSIE VISIT
Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, is to visit Australia Sept. 26-Oct. 3, coinciding with the British exhibition being staged there.

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