

that we preach just as religiously as we can, because we are working for the improvement of the techniques to bring better and more accurate information to the public in the public interest.

A news cameraman's salary goes on whether he gets a picture or not. He is not paid by the number of pictures he takes. He can go to an assignment and be turned down and go back to his office, and he is not reprimanded. We work for equality of visual reporting because we sincerely believe that the public is being deprived of a means of information which can add to the total report, and make newspapers and news reports more informative.

Mr. GRIFFIN. I have no other questions.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. MACDONALD. I have very few questions, Mr. Costa. I appreciate your coming here. I know of your reputation and of the work you have done on behalf of your people.

One thing that is not clear in my mind is that except for the exclusion from the House side hearings of cameras and cameramen, how else do you think you are discriminated against, in what way are camera people or television people treated unfairly?

Mr. COSTA. I already mentioned the General Services Administration which bans photographers from all Federal property, Federal buildings.

Mr. MACDONALD. Well, it is not quite true because at least to my knowledge, and you correct me if I am not stating the truth, even though it is, I guess, a rule of the House promulgated by the leadership of the House going back to Mr. Sam, that no cameras were allowed in the hearing rooms, I have many times, having left a congressional hearing, seen cameras and camera people out in the corridors.

Mr. COSTA. I am sure you have. However, this is not so across the whole country. Because the Federal Judicial Council has approved the provisions in canon 35 of the American Bar Association, the General Services Administration has ordered cameramen out of Federal buildings, in order to keep them away from Federal courts.

These complaints come in to us from all over the country. If the committee wishes me to document some of these I will get the information together.

Mr. MACDONALD. I do not know about the committee, but I personally would like to, because while I sympathize with you, and I think, perhaps, if you were allowed into House committee hearings they might be more lively, et cetera, I think the opposite has been true where television has become increasingly important in getting their message across to the bulk of the people of America, that many people say that too much attention is paid to television.

If I were on the opposite side I would say that, perhaps, we had a couple of joint sessions of Congress not for the benefit of the news media by the written word but, perhaps, for the benefit of the people who watch television, so in some ways I think you are protesting a little too much.

I agree with you about the House hearings. But past that, I have not heard a valid point that you raise.

Mr. COSTA. May I point out that the occasions on which the show, if I may say so, is put on exclusively for television, are those occasions when the entire country is concerned with a President's state