

It is only the greed and the fear that makes people fight these things because they are afraid they will be hurt. Like the movie industry fought television when it arrived and like now our president, Mr. Valenti, whom you probably know, arrived here, I read someplace, 2 days ago with their lawyer, Mr. Nizer, to protest to the Justice Department that the television people dare to finance and produce movies. Why should they not? They are American citizens. If they were foreigners they should be able to do it.

Both sides always try to find some legal reasons why the other should not be free to compete.

Mr. MACDONALD. I am sorry, Mr. Brotzman.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Surely. We have gobbled up 5 minutes here.

Mr. MACDONALD. A long five.

Mr. PREMINGER. I talk too much.

Mr. BROTZMAN. I want to say to you that we on the committee do appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to come down here. It is very helpful to hear people who don't have a particular axe to grind.

Thank you.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Ottinger.

Mr. OTTINGER. Mr. Chairman, I want to compliment Mr. Preminger on what I consider the most splendid piece of testimony I have ever heard. It was put forward lucidly, clearly, dramatically. I think you made your points very well.

In support of your thesis there is one area that I don't think we have brought out, and that is the potential of pay TV for educational purposes. Today, for instance, I would like to take Italian lessons, but the time when the educational program station puts that on just does not happen to be convenient for my hours in Congress; so that I can't take advantage of the courses offered on today's TV.

With pay television, however, with a retrieval system, you could select any kind of lesson you wanted at the hour and it would be a tremendous——

Mr. PREMINGER. May I say that the interest in languages has gone up. I took a crash course to refresh my French when I left for France. Also my children speak better French than I and I wanted to keep up in it.

I learned that Berlitz by having these new courses which are very modern, they really brainwash you, they hammer it into you, and that would also be possible on pay television because they could then vary the times.

You see, I don't believe that the channels should be limited. I think that in our age of technology you could have more channels. I don't believe, however, that if, for instance, on the educational channel—you see, this is my quarrel with any not free enterprise, I don't think that they will have courses as effective as Berlitz has or as pay television would have. I think that they are limited by the system of bureaucracy.

Mr. OTTINGER. I certainly agree with you. I think the people will make a wise choice and that it should be the people who have the choice of what they are going to hear rather than the networks or public television network, at least as an alternative to these other possibilities.

I certainly endorse what you have had to say very wholeheartedly and appreciate that you have said it so well.

Mr. PREMINGER. Thank you very much.