

I WOULD LIKE NOW TO PROVIDE A QUICK REPORT OF WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY AND TODAY IN THE HALIFAX HEARINGS BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE. I MUST CAUTION THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN A TELEPHONE REPORT, AND THUS THE DETAIL AND WORDS USED ARE NOT EXACT.

A FEMALE FORMER MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN FORCES, WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED FOR HOMOSEXUALITY, GAVE EVIDENCE TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF OTHER HOMOSEXUALS IN THE FORCES. SHE ALLEGED THAT SOME HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO UP TO EIGHT HOUR INTERROGATIONS, THAT PRIVATE MAIL HAS BEEN OPENED WITHOUT MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT, AND THAT SHE KNEW SEVERAL CASES OF THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION UNIT TAMPERING WITH MAIL. SHE ALLEGED THAT INVESTIGATORS SEARCHED ROOMS AND QUARTERS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT OF THE OCCUPANTS.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEARED TO ACCEPT THIS TESTIMONY AT FACE VALUE, AND DID NOT ASK QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT TEST ITS VALIDITY OR PROVIDE MORE PRECISE DETAIL. IN FACT, THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS APPEARED TO HAVE ARRIVED AT CONCLUSIONS ON THE BASIS OF THESE UNCONTESTED ALLEGATIONS. THE CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT

.../2

SITUATIONS SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED COULD EXIST, SUGGESTED THAT THE CANADIAN FORCES SPECTATOR TAKE BACK TO HIS SUPERIORS IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE DISPLEASURE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCERNING WHAT THEY HAD HEARD, AND SAID THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD DEAL WITH THIS MATTER.

A DAILY NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN BEDFORD, N.S., HEADLINED THIS ISSUE IN THIS AFTERNOON'S EDITION.

IN SUMMARY, IT APPEARS AS THOUGH SEVERAL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY HAVE ALREADY MADE UP THEIR MINDS THAT THE CURRENT CANADIAN FORCES POLICY ON HOMOSEXUALS MUST BE CHANGED.