

Mr. CROLL: Where is that?

Mr. MACDOUGALL: It is one of the main islands. And evidently in spite of the money being spent there as far as the Micronesians are concerned they do not give a hoot about being democratized. They would like to be left alone. Are we wandering into the same thing in any of the other countries?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: We were talking just now about countries behind the iron curtain. We do other forms of broadcasting. We broadcast to Latin America and to other friendly countries. But, confining my remarks to broadcasts directly behind the iron curtain, the people concerned are not Micronesians! The Czechoslovaks, for example, are freedom-loving people, and, whatever their form of government may be at the present time, they built up after the first war one of the most enlightened and progressive democracies in Europe. Now, these people have not changed in the last four or five years and we are not converting them to anything. We want to see them restored to freedom, rather than converted to it. They do not need conversion. The same is true of Poland. It was governing itself as a political democracy until the communists took over, and even in Russia there was the beginning of democracy when the communists took over in 1917.

Mr. DECORE: You made references to Poland. Is there any possibility of Polish broadcast?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: That matter is under consideration now—whether we could extend the broadcasts to Poland if we had the funds.

Mr. GRAYDON: Is any co-ordinating body making any attempt at attaining unity of broadcasts between the Voice of America and the B.B.C.? The reason why I am asking is that the information I have is that the Voice of the B.B.C. and the Voice of America do not always follow anything like the same line and when the minister speaks about our voice here in the C.B.C.I.S. following these two it would be difficult if we tried to follow both of them. I was wondering if there was any move by Canada to form some co-ordinating committee whereby the B.B.C., the C.B.C.I.S. and the Voice of America would come to some unified policy as to what we should tell them behind the iron curtain. I am not quite certain. While the minister speaks about confusion in the minds of those who direct policies from the Kremlin, there must be great confusion over the fact that we do not always agree on what we want in the way of what kind of free world we have in mind, and I was wondering if anything had been done about that.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: That should be covered in the report I mentioned. I think it would be useful if the detail in that regard were laid out. But I can say there is a very close liaison between New York, London and Paris, and Mr. Macdonnell has just come back from a conference in Paris under NATO auspices where they tried to work out policies; but I think it would be unrealistic to set up at this time one controlling authority because the NATO countries are free countries and they have their different approaches to broadcasting and to information and propaganda. The main thing is to make sure that we know each other's policies and to try to work in with each other's policies; but centralized control I think would be impractical.

Mr. GRAYDON: I could not agree with the minister more. I do not think anyone here would want to advocate that, but I would think that there would be great advantages in having some kind of a course that would to some extent in any event iron out some of the kinks that are in the thing now.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: We talked about this in NATO and we are hoping that NATO can be used more in the future than in the past, without attempting any sort of central authority to make sure our ideas do not conflict.