

The service, we think, has been successful. We feel that during the years before the coup d'etat in Czechoslovakia, the C.B.C. built up a substantial audience. Therefore when Czechoslovakia became a Soviet satellite it seemed wise to continue that broadcasting because of the audience we had already built up. Our transmitting facilities permit only one program to be broadcast at a time and the broadcasting schedule is now full. It was, however, before the facilities were all being operated, decided to add the Russian language to the service. That was a decision taken in January of this year, and personally I think that was a sensible decision. However, it made necessary the reduction of two existing programs. Now, the addition of other new languages could also only be achieved by reducing or eliminating existing programs or by spending a lot of money for new transmitters and more staff. It has been decided not to make those additional expenditures at this time.

Mr. DECORE: I am raising this question because there is evidence that the potential underground is strong in Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Ukraine; there is a population of twenty-four million in Poland, forty million in the Ukraine and ten million in Czechoslovakia and I wondered if it would be possible to extend the service both to Poland and to the Ukraine because they are the people we can rely on very extensively at a later date.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I think we might take up with the international service the addition of Poland and Ukraine. I know it would not be possible under our present budget, but as to the addition of Ukrainian and Polish broadcasting, we will look into that.

Mr. DECORE: What about the extension of the broadcasting service to Europe when our service personnel arrive there?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I am now getting into a field on which I have no knowledge.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: I think the year's cost figure for this service was mentioned at \$1,600,000. Does that cost include capital as well as operating costs?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Our difficulty, Mr. Benidickson, in answering that question is: we are not responsible for inserting this item in the budget at all, but if the committee so desired I could get that information from the C.B.C.

Mr. FLEMING: In the book of estimates there appears the notation that this service is only performed by C.B.C. as an agent of the government on a payment basis.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: They get a direct grant.

Mr. DECORE: You say there are only two transmitters at the moment?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I think there are only two, yes.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: The capital cost to date, amounting to some millions, I believe, and the cost of the annual upkeep are kept in a separate account—international broadcasting?

Mr. DECORE: Would you have an estimate of what two extra transmitters would cost?

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: I have not any estimate but we could get that information.

Mr. COLDWELL: Of course it is to be remembered that these stations broadcast to countries other than European countries.

Hon. Mr. PEARSON: Yes, shortwave broadcasting is also directed to Latin America. When the government was considering the reduction of shortwave broadcasting by eliminating the Latin American broadcasts the Department of Trade and Commerce and business interests generally advised very strongly