

be followed in preparing broadcasts, if it were considered advisable to undertake them.

Another decision was that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce be requested, through appropriate channels, to assist in the establishment of a Czech language newspaper which would be completely outside of communist influence or control.

Still another decision was that Mr. Nemeč, the former Czech Minister, be invited to prepare talks for the C.B.C.(I.S.).

From the point of view of your Division, the most important decision was that the Department was to prepare for the C.B.C.(I.S.) guidance notes on developments in matters of foreign policy and to supply such supplementary information material as could be released.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether your Division has implemented any of these decisions, and if so, if you would let me have the numbers of the relevant files so that I may see how matters stand.³²

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*Memorandum from Information Division
to Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TOP SECRET

[Ottawa], December 15, 1948

PUBLICIZING INFORMATION REGARDING CONDITIONS BEHIND THE
"IRON CURTAIN"

(This memorandum is marked *Top Secret* because of one statement which is clearly indicated. The rest of the memorandum should be classified as *Secret*.)

A memorandum entitled "Economic Heresy in the USSR", and other material on the subject have been sent to the Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science* by Mr. MacKay.

In addition to the memorandum on *Economic Heresy in the USSR*, I have prepared an article on the *Sovietization of the Baltic Republics*, which I have sent to you, and another on the *Government Policy Towards Trade Unions in Czechoslovakia*. We have asked Moscow to bring up-to-date the information contained in a couple of despatches regarding the status of women in the USSR. Mr. Wallis is doing a memorandum on the purges of artists and scientists in the USSR.

We have just received a batch of reference papers on conditions in the USSR and communist-dominated countries from the U.K. High Commissioner. These were prepared in the Research Department of the Foreign Office, and are being fed

³² Note marginale :/Marginal note:

Mr. [B.A.] Wallis tells me that, so far as Eastern Europe is concerned, nothing has been done.
E.B. R[ogers]. 10/11/48