

The decision on the first of these was not too difficult and it was agreed that a committee with supervisory power should be stipulated in the Bill.

On the second point, Mr. Wrong cited Mr. Atlee's statement of March 7 on the organization of government information services in the United Kingdom. This policy provided that departmental information services would be supplemented by a central office of information, "performing certain common technical and production functions and making specialist services available to departments for both home and overseas purposes." Mr. Wrong noted that the U.K. information services abroad were to be departmental rather than interdepartmental responsibilities and thought this might be a preferable pattern.

Mr. Andrew, Director of C.I.S., then proposed what appeared to be a compromise proposal, which carried the day, to the effect that the governing factor for information establishments abroad should be the volume of information activity. "Where the volume was so great that it could not adequately be handled by regular members of the Missions, it would be appropriate to appoint special C.I.S. representatives, always on the understanding that such representatives would be responsible to the Chiefs of Missions concerned." And, in fact, the Bill did list among the duties of C.I.S. the responsibility: "in co-operation with departments and agencies of the Government