

The Department's concerns, then, were not directed (openly at least) to the establishment, as such, of an autonomous external agency outside the direct authority of the Secretary of State for External Affairs but to the influence it would have on the policies and activities of the C.I.S. and, most particularly, to the nature of the relationship which could exist between that Service and the Department in Ottawa and, of even greater moment, in foreign countries.

The Department had had the opportunity to discuss the terms under which C.I.S. was created but seems to have introduced only one substantive element, which was accepted, relating to the second function of the Service "for co-ordinating and assisting the public information services of the government." The word "assisting" was the recommendation of Mr. Norman Robertson and some importance was attached to it. In a personal letter of October 10, 1945,<sup>(9)</sup> to Mr. Pearson, the Ambassador to the United States, Mr. MacDermot wrote that: "'assisting' was Norman's particular contribution because under it it would be possible for this Department, for example, to employ the C.I.S. to manage publicity arrangements for international conferences held in Canada and other such business for which we are not staffed and equipped. We were all