

under the Colombo Plan. It has found it hard to secure adequate consideration for the relationship of political and strategic questions to economic policies. Its influence has been chiefly felt through the part played by its representatives in negotiations at meetings of GATT, in talks between the United Kingdom and Canada, or the United States and Canada. The views of the Departments of Finance, Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, and the Bank of Canada have exercised a determining influence upon policy, based upon powerful considerations of domestic politics and a claim to superior expertise, which have produced decisions more than once with which this Department has not been in agreement.

9. The Department has been very well served by its missions abroad, particularly in London, Washington, and Paris, in their reporting upon international developments. When necessary, it has almost invariably been able to express its views or to receive information from the most important quarters at the right moment. The chief exceptions have been in Washington. Similarly, its officers in Ottawa have displayed in their memoranda and recommendations an awareness of trends in international policy that has usually enabled the Department to play a competent part in international negotiations.