

character of the United Nations information establishments throughout the world. Such a survey would provide a realistic basis for future information budgets of the United Nations.

Essentially, this boils down to the simple fact that we must not only provide information facilities, but must also ensure that these facilities are being employed to the fullest possible advantage.

The recommendation which we make to the Secretary-General obviously involves both the Department of Public Information and the overseas Correspondent Centres themselves. In regard to these centres, our view is that their effectiveness will depend on the extent to which coverage is obtained in the countries concerned. We have noted that the Advisory Committee felt that in certain respects, the original programme was premature and that it has accordingly recommended that the estimates for this section be reduced from \$855,102 to \$600,000. We agree with the Advisory Committee that it would be inadvisable to open additional information centres before the needs in each country had been ascertained and that these information centres should be established, in the first instance, on a minimum basis and expanded only in the light of proved needs.

To sum up, Mr. Chairman, the Canadian delegation urges upon the Secretary-General that he review annually the use which is being made throughout the world of the information material provided by the United Nations. We hope that the Secretary-General will be in a position to report on this subject to the third regular session of the General Assembly. With such information available Members of that Assembly will then be able to assess more accurately the character and size of the information programme required and the resulting budget estimates.

In making these suggestions the Canadian delegation has been guided by the view that the success of the United Nations will depend not only on its practical achievements, but also on the degree to which its purposes and performances are understood and supported by an informed public opinion within each member state.