

Mr. A. D. P. Heeney, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, called:

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman, there are a few questions by members of the committee of which note was taken. I might begin by attempting to answer Mr. Murray's question concerning information from the United Nations information service. Mr. Murray had reference to printed materials and the like.

In addition to its responsibilities in the fields of radio, television and films, the Department of Public Information of the United Nations produces a wide variety of printed material on every aspect of U.N. activities. This material may for convenience be divided into four principal sections of which the first two (press releases and feature service) are distributed free and the second two are for sale:

- (a) *Press Releases.* Every meeting of the organs, agencies and committees of the United Nations is recorded in mimeographed press releases, is made available to the world press, and distributed by teleprinter service and other distribution media to member states of the Organization. Copies of these releases are received daily in the Department of External Affairs;
- (b) *Features Service.* The Department of Public Information is responsible for producing feature articles or "clip sheets" on all phases of United Nations activities. These articles, which are normally on subjects of topical interest, are provided on request to all newspapers and news agencies and are also made available to member states through their Delegations in New York. Whenever, for example, a new project is launched or a newsworthy event takes place which bears a special interest or relationship to the United Nations, the "feature service" is a means of ensuring that word of any such development is disseminated on a world-wide basis;
- (c) *Periodical Publications.* The more important periodical publications issued by the Department of Public Information are the following:
 - (i) The United Nations Bulletin—a printed record of U.N. events and meetings, published on the 1st and 15th of each month;
 - (ii) The United Nations Yearbook—a comprehensive, factual account of the proceedings of all United Nations organs and agencies, published on a yearly basis;
 - (iii) The Handbook of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies—a compact summary of the structure and functions of all organs, agencies and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, now in its third edition;
- (d) *Other Publications.* In addition to periodicals, the Department of Public Information prepares booklets, background papers, reports of meetings and other relevant summaries, for sale to the public.

The amount set aside in the United Nations Budget for the Department of Public Information for the financial year 1951 is \$2,687,000. It should be noted, however, that this figure includes the substantial costs involved in United Nations radio, television and film activities, which are not discussed in reply to this question.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any more information you would like?