

to be blamed for their perception of Information Canada's faults, but the reason for the less-than-desirable by-products of Information Canada's development should be made clear in order to lend perspective to the situation. The Committee is fully aware of these faults, but is aware also of the handicaps under which Information Canada has laboured. To paraphrase Winston Churchill's comment on Bolshevism, the critics of Information Canada have maintained that it should have been strangled at birth. Whether or not bureaucratic infanticide should become a recommended method of governmental reorganization is not the issue here. Information Canada was thrust into the mainstream of political controversy from the outset, a burden which few government departments have suffered, and has been subject to intense internal and external pressures ever since.

While it is neither a bureaucratic ogre nor a boondoggle at the taxpayer's expense, it is felt that Information Canada's activities must be regularized and made subject to more stringent controls.