

Secondly, as our revered editor emeritus of *"International Perspectives"* who is here will confirm, *"International Canada"* on occasion resorts to using secondary sources of information such as newspaper reports. No matter how reputable a newspaper may be, its reporters' versions of official statements, often stripped to the bone and possibly distorted by omission, do not constitute reliable documentation for historians or others.

I might point out, however, that if there is to be a complete record, the use of press reports may at times be unavoidable. Official texts of ministers' addresses - and particularly their comments to the press which are sometimes highly significant - just don't exist. Often the only record is to be found in the newspapers. This is just one of the snags if you're trying to compile a record which is both comprehensive and authoritative.

Incidentally, in its efforts to record provincial government activities in the sphere of foreign affairs *"International Canada"* has had to rely almost entirely on press reports. Its editors say that except for Manitoba, the provincial governments do not seem to have central information offices from which official texts and other documents can be obtained.

Again, in this officially bilingual country of ours, *"International Canada"* is published only in English.

Some of the reasons for *"International Canada's"* shortcomings aren't hard to find. Like most such organizations, the CIIA is short of money and staff. The initial editing is a sideline activity of Peter Dobell's Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade for