

No Canadian over the age of 10, on reading, say, that the fleet has moved into the Gulf of Tonkin, is under even a momentary illusion that the Canadian Armed Forces are up to something. Nevertheless, it would be a great contribution to the intelligent discussion of our international affairs and an appropriate recognition that international affairs are becoming increasingly a matter of concern to all Canadians if we were to have a greater proportion of our international news reports written with a Canadian readership in mind. According to my information, there are Canadian Press bureaux in London, Paris, Brussels, Washington and New York. In addition, reporters are of course sent abroad to cover specific stories. The Government considers it necessary to have some 100 diplomatic and consular missions abroad. Obviously, while the Government has reasons for having representation in Lusaka, for example, you may not have, but it seems to me that there is too great a disparity in the 100 to 5 ratio. I realize how expensive foreign operations can be. After all, I have to battle for the money to keep ours going. I also know how excellent is the coverage that is obtainable from other agencies at much less cost. But it seems to me that it is very important, particularly in those areas where Canadian interests are clearly identifiable and distinct from those of any other country, that our reading public, and indeed the radio listener and television viewer, have the issues presented to him from a point of view with which he can relate without having to switch on his congenital filter.