

the Information Division of the Department of External Affairs along the lines recommended in a report submitted at this meeting, action to be taken accordingly." And, 'accordingly,' the Prime Minister, Mr. King, made a submission to Cabinet on February 5, 1947, which received approval in Order in Council 472 of February 5. (Attached as Appendix IIE.) It was P.C. 472 which provided Government, but non-statutory, authority for External Affairs to carry out programs of Information abroad. Its main provisions were to cancel P.C. 6300 establishing the C.I.S. and to authorize the Department of External Affairs to "do such acts and things as may be considered necessary for distributing abroad information concerning Canada and for co-ordinating and assisting the public information services of the Government in connection with the distribution abroad of information concerning Canada." P.C. 472 further stipulated that the co-ordinating functions of External Affairs for information abroad should be exercised "with the assistance of an interdepartmental committee." This committee was to consist of representatives from External Affairs (Chairman), Trade and Commerce, the National Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The Order in Council also provided that C.I.S. appropriations would be available for the use of External Affairs.