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...I should like to refer to the policy guidance paper communicated by the Department of External Affairs to the International Service of the CBC, under which these broadcasts to the behind-the-iron-curtain countries are being operated. I should like to quote a few sentences from this hitherto confidential paper, in order to deal with this point, because I know of no other way of dealing effectively with it than to quote from the policy guidance paper which is supposed to guide the operations of the CBC International Service in this field. In this paper it is stated that one of the purposes of these broadcasts is:

Unmasking the hypocrisy of communist democracy in elections, trade unions, labour camps and religion and the hypocrisy of Soviet peace propaganda and its inconsistency in view of Soviet aggressive foreign policy, rearmament and concentration on heavy industry to the detriment of the Soviet standard of living.

That is a quotation from the policy paper. Another one is as follows:

Keeping alive and if possible increasing a knowledge of and appreciation of democracy, the code of ethics which we have derived from Christianity and western civilization and thought.

Those are the general lines along which the international services are proceeding or are attempting to proceed in regard to the broadcasts to the behind-the-iron-curtain countries.

The St. Lawrence Seaway

...We want to see this enterprise brought to completion as a power and navigational project by the co-operation of the two governments most concerned; but we want to see it completed. If it cannot be completed on an international basis, naturally we shall have to examine the situation and see what other way it might be done. In discussing this matter the hon. member for Peel (Mr. Graydon) asked whether there were any treaty obligations which would prevent our charging discriminatory tolls on non-Canadian vessels as a way to pay the cost of construction of the canal and the power installations, if they were a Canadian enterprise exclusively. There are...no treaty obligations binding on Canada which would be an obstacle to the imposition of tolls on Canadian canals in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence system. There are treaty provisions, however, which affect Canada's ability to establish toll schedules discriminating between ships of Canada and those of another country, or between the ships of different foreign countries; so, as I understand, discriminatory tolls would not be possible.

The Colombo Plan and Technical Assistance

During our discussion, ...a good many members of the House made reference to international relief and rehabilitation problems, more particularly with reference to the Colombo Plan and to famine assistance for India. I announced in this House not so very long ago that the Government would ask Parliament to appropriate \$25 million as its contribution to the first year of the plan, provided