

The Department co-operates with the National Film Board in arrangements for Canadian participation in international film festivals. During 1955, our posts abroad arranged for showings of Canadian films at 15 festivals in the United States, South America, Europe, South Africa, and Japan. Awards of merit were granted to seven of the films shown at these festivals.

7. Relations with the Press

Through the Press Officer, who is responsible for the Department's liaison with the press in Canada, the Department issued some 110 press releases and distributed advance texts of official statements on Canadian foreign policy, besides arranging press conferences and handling enquiries from members of the press. Material was provided to members of the Press Gallery and to news agencies on special subjects such as the work of the International Supervisory Commissions in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam; the International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy; and Canadian statements at the United Nations General Assembly. The Department was in charge of public information arrangements for the visit of the Princess Royal, the President of Haiti, and other distinguished visitors. Press arrangements for the Minister's tour to the Soviet Union, to the Colombo Plan meeting in Singapore, and to India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, included coverage by a group of Canadian press representatives. The Press Office also provided information to Canadian posts abroad about members of the press who were to visit countries in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.