

whether they be corporations or trade offices of foreign countries. This may or may not be more responsible -- or more profitable -- journalism, but it means that many of the correspondents who had years of experience and the knowledge gained in that experience are being by-passed for writers who are not suspected of cronyism with the institutions on their beats.

It is interesting that the Washington correspondent for the Monitor recently told a panel discussion that he was pleased to have shifted from the Times to the Monitor because he now had more opportunity to report on some of the good news in the world. The emphasis on confrontation in the national media is a problem for all those responsible for dealing with the media. We mention the advice given us by one editor not to mix hockey with the price of oil. Yet, it is certainly worthwhile to have a file in mind of potentially positive stories with the thought that one good turn deserves another. When a Canadian official has been helpful in obtaining data or responding to a troublesome story, the credits that have been accumulated can help in approaching the outlet with a positive story.