

over the years presented in detail to the government of the day the Corporation's plans for consolidation and that these were originally based on the Fowler Commission recommendations. Authority by Orders in Council was given to the Corporation to purchase the properties required for these projects and to cover the engineering costs. In the case of Montreal, the agreement with the City stated the construction commencement date which was part of the Corporation's application for the Order in Council. The President noted that it appears the Advisory Committee will engage outside consultants to examine the Corporation's Montreal consolidation plans.

The point was raised that the Advisory Committee might possibly be asked to consider such a large federal expenditure in the light of the current situation in Quebec. This concern has arisen because some people are anxious about some of the viewpoints expressed on French network programs emanating from Montreal. The President noted that this aspect together with the role of the CBC as a unifying force in Canada should be considered separately from the question of consolidation which is one of efficiency because of dispersal of facilities throughout the City. He felt that the programming of the French network which is of major importance to CBC should be discussed extensively at the October 28 Program Committee meeting in Montreal when the officers responsible would be available for consultation. The Directors agreed.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE. The President summarized for the Directors the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee which dealt specifically with supplementary financial information in the CBC's Annual Report; redefinition of categories of programs in relation to sales possibilities and regional accountants reporting directly to the Comptroller at Head Office. The Directors agreed that the latter two recommendations be considered by the Finance Committee.

CBC TELEVISION 1964/65 PUBLICATION. Management was requested to investigate the possibility of distributing this publication to members of Parliament. Mr. Fraser noted that this might require the printing of additional copies which would be dependent on whether the plates are available to accommodate this distribution.

1963/64 ANNUAL REPORT. Mr. Fraser summarized the agenda report explaining the misinterpretations in the Press following the Report's release. He suggested that this could be avoided in the future by issuing as in other years a Press Release simultaneously with the Annual Report.

DECLARATION OF CANADIAN WOMEN. The Directors were briefed on the circumstances associated with this document. Mr. Fraser advised that a 10,000-name petition had been assembled and forwarded to members of Parliament. Management advised that it was watching the situation closely and doing whatever was necessary. It was pointed out that the major National Women's Organizations had not endorsed this Declaration.

PRESIDENT'S STUDY. The President advised that this report had just been received which did not permit sufficient time for Management to make its comments and recommendations with respect to it. It is hoped that the Group's report together with Management's views can be forwarded to the Directors by September 25. Following review by the Directors', the President's Study report and the Corporation's assessment and recommendations, will be forwarded, as requested, to the Advisory Committee for their information.

The Directors agreed that the Chairman of the Study Group together with the outside consultant, Mr. R. J. Shirley, should be available in Quebec City for consultation when considering this report. Referring to the anticipated business for the Quebec City meeting, the President emphasized that he hoped one day could be devoted to this important item, as well as a full day for the assessment by Directors of the Corporation's service and responsibilities to the public. The President assured the Directors that there was no minority report associated with this Study and that the final report was unanimous in its conclusions.