

which will co-ordinate the work of the new international program.

Although neither the U.S. nor Canadian governments and private sectors would agree with all perceptions and recommendations in the MacBride report, it is a tribute to the U.S. and Canadian members that so many western concepts ring through loud and clear. For example, the Soviet member had to dissociate himself from the recommendation that "censorship or arbitrary control of information should be abolished". And the proposal — that identity cards should be issued to foreign journalists to protect them in the exercise of their profession — was rejected since a number of members had a sneaking suspicion that any licensing system could be used to control, rather than facilitate, the activities of journalists.

These achievements, however modest, indicate that our efforts in the defence of important principles have not been wasted, and that we should continue to participate actively in the such programs. It is in our enlightened self-interest to support action to assist developing countries to overcome any communication gaps that exist.

The orderly development of a healthy global information marketplace is essential for our continued prosperity. If we believe that freedom of expression and freedom of opportunity have assured our domestic prosperity, we should give these principles every chance to work in the global marketplace.