

On September 8, 1942, Order in Council P.C. 8099 (attached as an appendix) created the Wartime Information Board and allocated to it the staff of the previous Directorate. The W.I.B. was given the continuing responsibility of telling the Canadian people and the Armed Forces about Canada's part in the prosecution of the war. But, additionally, the W.I.B. was specifically enjoined to carry out programs beyond the borders of Canada. It was to coordinate existing governmental information services and to supervise release of Canadian war news and information "in and to any country outside of Canada." It was also to "Provide means and facilities for the distribution, both within and without Canada, of Canadian war news and information." To do this the Board, subject to Cabinet approval was authorized to "establish such offices within and without Canada as it may deem expedient." The W.I.B. was given a rather long leash by the Government and it profited by this to collect an effective staff and to do its work with skill and zest. Abroad, offices manned by professionals, were developed in New York and Washington, London, Canberra and, as soon as the progress of the war permitted, Paris. A special section under Allan Anderson took on catering to the special information needs of Latin America and a beginning was made on reaching the public in the liberated areas of Western