

Information Division) had a reasonable budget at the start (\$8,000), particularly since the Visitors Service was facilitative only and did not pay travelling expenses for foreign journalists, etc. The duties relating to visiting opinion formers, intellectuals and artists were described as:

Making full arrangements for foreign speakers and visitors in Canada. This includes preliminary correspondence, preparation of itineraries and travel and hotel reservations, making financial arrangements (facilitative) and providing contacts anywhere in Canada with organizations and individuals who can supply the information desired, as well as maintaining contact with the diplomatic representative of the country of origin of the visitor.

Arranging for Canadian speakers to fill requests in the United States, and keeping foreign offices (i.e. diplomatic posts, or information offices abroad) posted as to visits of Canadians who may be potential speakers abroad.

Two other sections performed functions inherited from the Department's old Information Division. A desk called "United Nations and Political Information," covered by Gordon Riddell, was responsible for distribution of United Nations information material to Canadian missions and to Government Departments; for provision of material to and general liaison with the Information Department of the United Nations; and for liaison with the CBC Short Wave Service. Another desk, covered by the author, carried on the diplomatic despatches within the Department and to posts. One further, "special" desk dealt with Cultural