

Canadian External Relations (the period dealt with is 1942-43) and on Volume 2 of Documents on Relations between Canada and Newfoundland. Work was initiated on a history of the Department of External Affairs to be published in 1984. Oral history interviews were carried out with retired senior officers, partly with reference to preparation of a book on a former Under Secretary, N.A. Robertson. Members of the Historical Affairs Division spoke at universities and published articles.

In facilitating the work of scholars, the Department approved for release a number of articles based on research done on departmental files; it also reviewed manuscripts of doctoral theses for which research was carried out in the Department. It was responsible for granting controlled access to files; almost 50 professors and doctoral students were given permission to consult certain departmental files during 1978. Oral and written replies to numerous requests for information were attended to at a rate of about 60 a month. Extensive examination of files was carried out with a view to their transfer to the Public Archives of Canada and eventual use by scholars.

For the general public, schools and special interest groups in Canada, the Department provided services and programs of an informational nature on Canadian foreign policy; these included an enquiries service to answer the Canadian public's mail and telephone requests.

1978 projects were as follows: a film entitled "The Pearson Building"; a visits program under which Members of Parliament, journalists, teachers and others travel to the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Economic Community and other international organizations to learn more about Canada's multilateral links; a small publications program; projects such as a tabloid on Canada-U.S.A. relations and a series of audiotapes on foreign policy developed in conjunction with provincial educational authorities for use in high schools; an information kit for Commonwealth Day; a speakers program to allow Canadian Heads of Mission to travel across Canada to speak to community groups and representatives of the press as well as to appear on radio talk-shows and T.V. public affairs programs.

#### Reorganization in the Department

In 1978, the former Bureau of Public Affairs was divided into two Bureaux, one of International Cultural Relations and one of Information in order to achieve a more effective development of programs in these two fields. These two Bureaux and the Press Office are responsible for the headquarters work in the programs described in the present chapter and in the preceding one.