

I concluded that the raw material, so to speak, of the record should continue to go forward to the posts as it does now; that the editor of the record should receive copies of pertinent material emanating from our Department, and material from other departments and the U.N. as well. He would then proceed on a monthly basis to put it into shape for the record. At the end of each month (or in the middle of the succeeding month, so that the preceeding month's material could be relatively complete) he could forward a final version of the record, complete with index, to the recipients.

So much for official material. Leaving for the moment the question of the method by which the final version would be produced, let us turn to the moot point of whether non-official material should be included, and if so how this might be done.

Once again you will recall that the hope was expressed in many quarters that if External were to bring out an official record, the non-official material that now appears in the CIIA's "Internation Canada" might somehow be preserved. This non-official material, as you know, includes such things as the reactions of opposition parties to official foreign policy statements, the foreign policy views of labour organizations and the C.M.A., press opinion on important issues, and so forth.

This material is undoubtedly part -- and an important part -- of Canada's foreign policy picture. From a group of