

TORONTO TOWER

Final arrangements have been successfully concluded with Metro Centre Developments Limited and Management is in the process of drafting its submission for presentation to the Secretary of State and Treasury Board. The Corporation is hopeful that the necessary approvals will be forthcoming because Metro Centre is tentatively planning a meeting on or about the 11th of January at which time public announcement will be made about the total development project. The President noted the necessity of getting Treasury Board approval on this project or the land transfer prior to this announcement if possible. The President made available copies of an address given to the Canadian Club of Toronto by Donald S. Anderson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Metro Centre Developments Limited which provided a good summary of the total downtown redevelopment concept.

PLANNING

The Vice-President, Planning (Mr. Gilmore) prefaced his agenda items by outlining briefly some of the activities of his department such as the introduction of a new coverage computer programming technique entitled Planfile which would now be available monthly and which would provide any number of combinations on the question of coverage planning both immediate and for future years; the completion of a second redrafting of the agreement to be presented to Telesat; the drafting of a new Federal film policy; and the beginning of a Management study on the question of CATV.

The Directors noted the follow-up information reports requested at their October meeting dealing with the questions of staff assignments and pre-coverage and operational planning for the Victoria Federal-Provincial Conference, the movement of equipment between CBC locations to supplement technical facilities needed to meet program and coverage requirements together with an analysis of crew requirements for the color mobiles. The view was expressed by the Directors that all of these reports were comprehensive and presented clearly the reasoning behind the different operational necessities which had prompted these actions. Similarly, the Board felt the data comparing CBC and CTV crew and equipment facilities used for comparable coverage of such events as football and hockey indicated that under similar circumstances there does not appear to be any significant differences in the coverage requirements of each network.

The Board turned its attention once more to the general concern expressed at earlier meetings with respect to the number of CBC staff and equipment deployed to cover major domestic events of national importance and the inevitable criticism that results. The Directors again reviewed the degree of success that has been achieved by the Joint Program Planning Group (a Sub-Committee of Program Council) in controlling the consolidating of network pre-planning coverage, budgeting, staff and equipment assignments for national and international sporting events for both English and French Services Divisions and suggested that some exploration should be given to determining whether the same mechanisms could be adopted by this group, under the aegis of Program Council for domestic events. While this would require Council having the earliest available advice of forthcoming events in order to assess as quickly as possible the operational requirements, this could be done with the co-operation of both language Service Divisions.

Mr. Ménard moved, seconded by Mr. Hinds,

WHEREAS the Joint Program Planning Group, a Committee of Program Council, has displayed success in recent joint pre-planning between the English and French Services Divisions respecting the coverage, budgeting, staffing and equipment assignments for such national sporting events as the Halifax and Saskatoon Games and in the international field, the 1971 Cali Pan-American Games held in Columbo as well as the upcoming Olympic Games to be held in Munich, Germany, in 1972;