

Radio and Television Talent.—The CBC is the main single outlet for Canadian talent in the fields of music, drama and other entertainment. In the year ended Mar. 31, 1957, a total of 14,514 free-lance artists contributed to the Corporation's programs. During the year, the CBC spent approximately \$11,000,000 for talent—\$3,500,000 for radio and \$7,500,000 for television. Of the total, \$2,400,000 was for scripts, performing rights, music and musical arrangements. The remainder was in the form of direct fees to musicians, singers, actors, and other performers. These figures cover 'outside' or non-staff talent and do not include CBC personnel in such categories as producers and directors, scenery, graphics and costume designers, and film editors and commentators.

CBC International Service (Shortwave).—The International Service, operated by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on behalf of the Government of Canada, is financed separately from CBC's national radio and television service through annual grants by Parliament. Headquarters and studios are in the Radio Canada Building at Montreal and the Service's two 50-kw. shortwave transmitters are in Sackville, N.B., 600 miles from Montreal.

The International Service was inaugurated on Feb. 25, 1945, and the first programs to Europe were broadcast mainly for Canadian Armed Force personnel. Later, the scope was broadened to give listeners in other lands a picture of life in Canada and to explain Canada's part in the United Nations and NATO. News and news commentary are the core of the program service and great emphasis is placed on the broadcasting of news bulletins to those who live behind the iron curtain. Shortwave broadcasts are now on the air some 92 hours a week in the following languages—English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese (for Brazil), Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Czech, Slovak, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish and Hungarian. Programs are also prepared regularly on disc or tape and shipped to Austria, Greece and Finland for transmission by the radio facilities of those countries. The shortwave transmitters at Sackville are also used to broadcast news and other programs to people living in Canada's Far North beyond the signal of the domestic networks. Broadcasts beamed to Europe in the English and French languages are regularly relayed over Station CAE, the Canadian Army radio station in Europe. In addition to the regular shortwave programs, the International Service provides the Canadian Army station with broadcasts of special events from Canada.

In addition to its regular schedule of shortwave broadcasting, the International Service provides programs for use on the domestic stations and networks of countries all over the world. In the main, three types of programs are provided to external radio organizations: programs relayed by shortwave for immediate or almost-immediate rebroadcast; recorded broadcasts on tape or disc, usually for only one outlet; and transcriptions on processed disc for wide distribution. The third category—transcriptions—is made up of recorded music and spoken-word programs (talks, documentaries, etc.) in the English, French and Spanish languages. International Services sometimes exchange regular programs with other countries.

More than 300,000 letters have been received from listeners since the start of the service. The International Service replies in the language of the letter-writer and forwards printed information on a great number of subjects. Seven times yearly the International Service publishes an illustrated program schedule which is printed in the languages of the shortwave programs and contains information, times and frequencies of the International Service shortwave broadcasts. It goes to 180,000 individual listeners in all parts of the world.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Finances.—The operations for the year ended Mar. 31, 1957, resulted in an excess of expenditure over income of \$1,561,211 after providing \$1,969,754 for depreciation. The surplus of the Radio and Integrated Services was \$202,299 as compared to a deficit of \$1,763,510 for the Television Service.