

Canada is one of 18 countries on the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union. This Council normally meets once a year to direct the administrative affairs of the Union and was in session for the period Aug. 15 to Oct. 3, 1949.

The International High Frequency Broadcasting Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, which commenced Oct. 22, 1948, concluded on Apr. 10, 1949, after agreement being reached by the majority of countries participating on a basic channel hour assignment plan for the high-frequency broadcasting services of the world. This Conference established a Technical Plan Committee to meet in France with the task of preparing detailed assignment plans for selected periods of solar activity. The Technical Plan Committee met at Paris, France, from June 15 to Dec. 5, 1949, and reconvened at Florence, Italy, Mar. 1, 1950, to assemble material, for consideration by the second session of the International High Frequency Broadcasting Conference, scheduled to convene at Florence, Apr. 1, 1950.

Meetings of the Commonwealth Communications Council were held at London, England, from Apr. 21 to May 10; on Aug. 15 and 16, 1949; and from Feb. 14 to Feb. 24, 1950, at which the question of financing the common user costs of the Commonwealth telecommunications system and related problems were discussed. At the February meeting a suggested financial arrangement submitted by Canada to the Council was recommended for acceptance by the Partner Governments of the Commonwealth. During the year the name of the Council was changed to "Commonwealth Telecommunications Board".

The International Telegraph and Telephone Conference met at Paris, France, from May 18 to Aug. 5, 1949. The Telegraph and Telephone Regulations, Cairo, Egypt, 1938, annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention, Madrid, Spain, 1932, were revised under the provisions of the Atlantic City Convention, 1947. These revised Regulations are known as the "Paris Revision annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention, Atlantic City, U.S.A., 1947". Canada has ratified the Telegraph Regulations.

Following the Paris Conference a meeting was held at London from Aug. 8 to 12, 1949, between representatives of the Governments of the British Commonwealth and the Government of the United States to revise the Telecommunications Agreement signed at Bermuda, in December, 1945.

A plenipotentiary Conference under the title "The Third North American Regional Broadcasting Conference" was convened at Montreal, Canada, on Sept. 13, 1949, for the purpose of drawing up a new North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement.

The first Agreement that resulted from the First North American Regional Broadcasting Conference at Havana, Cuba, in 1937, had been extended by the *modus vivendi* of 1946, resulting from deliberations of the Second North American Broadcasting Conference at Washington, D.C. The *modus vivendi* expired on Mar. 30, 1949, and, although the Conference had been planned for the autumn of 1948, some of the participating countries were not prepared to attend and the meeting was therefore delayed.

The Conference at Montreal, Que., was attended by representatives from Cuba, Dominican Republic, the Colonial Office of the United Kingdom representing the Bahamas, the United States of America and Canada. Mexico, for domestic reasons,