

International Labour Organization.—The International Labour Organization was originally associated with the League of Nations and became a Specialized Agency of the United Nations in 1946. It brings together representatives of governments, employers and workers from member States in an attempt to promote social justice by improving working and living conditions in all parts of the world. To further this goal, meetings are held usually on an annual basis, the latest of which took place in Geneva in June of 1961. ILO is responsible for the execution of a number of training projects which are financed by the United Nations Special Fund.

Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization.—Canada as a member of the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) with headquarters in London, England, was represented at the Second Session of the IMCO Assembly which was held in London in April 1961. In addition, Canada as a member of the IMCO Council attended meetings of the Council held in London during the year.

The International Monetary Fund.—The International Monetary Fund, set up by the Bretton Conference of 1944, came into being in 1945. It provides machinery for international consultation and collaboration on monetary, payments and exchange problems. Included in these purposes are the promotion of exchange stability, the elimination of exchange restrictions, the establishment of a multilateral system of current payments and the expansion and balanced growth of international trade. Also, member countries under certain conditions may draw on the resources of the Fund, which now amounts to some \$14,000,000,000. Canada has been represented on the Fund's Board of Executive Directors since 1945.

International Telecommunication Union.—Canada is a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, which traces its origin to the International Telegraph Convention of 1865 and the International Radio Telegraph Convention of 1906. The Administrative Council of the ITU met in Geneva in the spring of 1961; Canada was represented at this meeting and at meetings of subsidiary bodies that took place during the year.

Universal Postal Union.—One of the oldest and largest of the Specialized Agencies, the Universal Postal Union (UPU), was founded in Berne in 1874 with the principal aim of improving postal services throughout the world and promoting international collaboration. The Universal Postal Congress is the supreme authority of the UPU and meets every five years to review the Universal Postal Convention and its subsidiary instruments. In the interim, activities of the Union are carried on by an Executive and Liaison Committee, a Consultative Committee on Postal Studies and an International Bureau. At the Congress held in Ottawa in 1958, Canada was elected to the Executive and Liaison Committee. The 15th Congress is scheduled to be held in New Delhi in 1962.

World Health Organization.—The World Health Organization, which came into being in 1948, is one of the largest of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations with a membership of 104. Functioning through the World Health Assembly, an organization composed of an Executive Board, a Secretariat and six Regional Committees, WHO acts as a directing and co-ordinating authority on international health matters. In addition, it provides advisory and technical services to help countries develop and improve their health services. The 14th World Health Assembly was held in New Delhi in February 1961. (See also the item "International Health" in Subsection 5, Section 1, Part I of the Public Health, Welfare and Social Security Chapter of this volume.)

World Meteorological Organization.—Canada is a member of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a Specialized Agency of the United Nations since 1951 but developed from the International Meteorological Organization which was founded in 1878. Mr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan, Director of Meteorological Services, Department of Transport, an elected member of the Executive Committee of WMO, attended the 12th session of the