

Conference each June in Geneva. ILO is responsible for a number of technical programs, financed by the United Nations Special Fund and the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance, as well as training projects under its regular budget.

*Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.*—Canada, as a member of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) with headquarters in London, England, was represented at the regular sessions of the Council held in London during 1963 and at the Third Assembly of the Organization which was held in October 1963.

*International Monetary Fund.*—The International Monetary Fund, set up by the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944, came into being in 1945. It provides machinery for international consultation and collaboration on monetary, payment 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 regular resources of the Fund, which now amount to some \$15,620,000,000 (of which the equivalent of approximately \$10,000,000,000 is in gold and convertible currencies) or on the supplementary resources of \$6,000,000,000 made available in 1962 under the General Arrangement to Borrow.

*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 1963; Canada was represented at that meeting and at meetings of subsidiary bodies which 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 normally 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 1957, Canada was elected to the Executive and Liaison Committee. The fifteenth Congress which should have been convened in 1962 was held in Vienna from May 29 to July 10, 1964.

*World Health Organization.*—The World Health Organization (WHO) came into being in 1948 and is one of the largest of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, having a membership of 108. 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 fourteenth World Health Assembly was held in Geneva in May-June 1962. (See also the item "International Health" in Subsect. 5, Sect. 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. The Director of Meteorological Services, Department of Transport, is an elected member of the Executive Committee of WMO. The World Meteorological Conference is the main body of the Organization and meets at intervals of about four years. The Fourth WMO Congress met during April 1963 and Canada was represented by a delegation led by the Director of Meteorological Services.