

**WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY:** The Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of National Health and Welfare announced June 17 that approval has been given to Canadian representation at the First World Health Assembly which will meet in Geneva beginning on June 24. The World Health Organization has hitherto met as an Interim Commission but with the ratification of its constitution by the requisite number of member states, this Organization will now become a fully constituted specialized agency of the United Nations.

The Canadian delegation will be composed as follows:

**Chief delegate:** Dr. G. D. W. Cameron,  
Deputy Minister of Health, Department of National Health and Welfare

**Delegates:** Dr. G. F. Amyot,  
Deputy Minister of Health, Province of British Columbia

Dr. T. C. Routley,  
General Secretary, Canadian Medical Association

**Technical Advisers** Dr. Armand Frappier,  
University of Montreal

Mr. L. A. D. Stephens,  
Department of External Affairs

Mr. J. G. H. Halstead,  
Department of External Affairs

The World Health Organization, with an annual budget of about six million dollars, will consider in Geneva its programme of activities for next year. This programme will include study and action in many fields of public health, including malaria, maternal and child welfare, tuberculosis and venereal diseases. Committees of experts will be appointed to consider and to make recommendations on such specialized problems as public health organization, mental health, tropical hygiene and virus diseases. The World Health Assembly will very likely continue and expand its establishment of medical fellowships to the world's great medical centres for students and research

workers from war-devastated areas.

Among the more urgent tasks of the World Health Organization is the international standardization of therapeutic, prophylactic and diagnostic agents, and the development of an international pharmacopoeia. The WHO has established and will extend its controls over potential international epidemics including cholera, plague, smallpox, typhus and yellow fever, and will have under review the most effective measures for the supervision of quarantine in the world's sea-ports.

The World Health Organization has been one of the most effective and least controversial of the United Nations specialized agencies. Its sessions so far have been marked by a spirit of objective co-operation on the part of all member states, irrespective of their political convictions. The Canadian contribution to the work of WHO for next year will be approximately \$200,000.

**CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO:** The Department of External Affairs announced June 17 the appointment of Charles Norman Senior as Consul in San Francisco.

Mr. Senior was born in Toronto on October 22, 1891. He enlisted in 1916 with the Divisional Signal Corps, C.E.F., and was later assigned to duties with the Military Hospitals Commission Command as publicity representative for the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment. From 1908 to 1935 Mr. Senior was a newspaperman serving successively as reporter, city editor, editorial writer, political and Press Gallery correspondent for the Toronto Star, Toronto Mail and Empire, Victoria Times, Vancouver World, and finally the Vancouver Sun.

From 1935-1948 he was Private Secretary and Executive Assistant to the Right Honourable Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence and later Minister of Pensions and National Health and of Veterans Affairs. In this capacity he attended the Imperial Conference in 1937 and on various occasions accompanied government missions dealing with repatriation. From 1943-46 he was Secretary of the General Advisory Committee (Inter-Departmental) on Demobilization and Rehabilitation.

Mr. Senior is the author of the book "When the Boys Come Home" which was published in 1944. He joined the Department of External Affairs on April 19, 1948.