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DR. VITTORINO VERONESE

DR. VERONESE WAS BORN AT VICENZA, ITALY IN 1910. HE OBTAINED HIS DOCTOR OF LAW AT PADUA UNIVERSITY IN 1930 AND WAS PROFESSOR AT THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AT THE ATENEO ANGELICUM IN ROME. FROM 1945 TO 1952 HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CENTRAL CREDIT INSTITUTE AND HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS. IN ADDITION TO HIS BANKING INTERESTS HE HAS MADE EXTENSIVE STUDIES OF SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THOSE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

IN 1944 HE BECAME SECRETARY-GENERAL AND LATER PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WORK. HE ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC ACTION SOCIETY DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE OF THE ITALIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, HE HAS BEEN ON THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO ALL UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCES SINCE HIS COUNTRY JOINED THE ORGANIZATION IN 1948. ELECTED TO UNESCO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 1952, DR. VERONESE WAS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD DURING 1955 AND 1956 AND CHAIRMAN DURING 1957 AND 1958. HE BECAME DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN DECEMBER 1958 AT THE CLOSE OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.