

for the exchange of information on the results of research and technical studies made by postal administrations. The increased load of work carried by the Bureau has necessitated arrangements for additions to the Bureau's staff, which heretofore has numbered only 17 persons, and the construction of a new headquarters building in Berne.

During the past year the UPU has co-operated closely with the United Nations and the other Specialized Agencies on matters of common concern. With the International Civil Aviation Organization there have been exchanges of information regarding the cost of international airmail transport and the international transport of dangerous material. The Union has also arranged with the World Health Organization to conduct an enquiry regarding regulations governing the transport of perishable biological materials by post.

### World Health Organization

During the past year the World Health Organization (WHO) continued to make progress toward its objectives of reducing the toll of major diseases and of aiding governments in the development of sound and effective health services. The working budget of the Organization for 1953 was \$8,485,095, of which Canada contributed \$268,854. For 1954 the working budget has been increased to \$8,497,700. In addition, WHO plans and directs other programmes for which funds are provided through the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.<sup>1</sup>

Canada has been a member of WHO since the inception of the Organization and has given its work serious attention and support. The Deputy Minister of Health, Dr. G. D. Cameron, served as Chief Delegate for Canada at the Sixth World Health Assembly and Dr. O. J. Leroux, a senior official of the Department of National Health and Welfare, has been designated by Canada as its member on the Executive Board of WHO. A number of Canadians prominent in the medical field are serving in an advisory capacity on WHO panels of experts and a total of 41 Canadians are employed by WHO as members of its internationally recruited staff.

At the Sixth World Health Assembly held in Geneva in May 1953, Dr. Brock Chisholm retired from the post of Director-General after seven years as head of the Organization. Tribute was paid to his great devotion to the work of WHO and to the tremendous contribution he had made to its development and growth. In a farewell address Dr. Chisholm spoke of the fresh hope given by WHO to the millions handicapped by ill health, and he emphasized the importance to the Organization of the broad participation of member governments and of adequate financial support. He also placed

<sup>1</sup>See *Canada and the United Nations 1951-52*, pp. 115-116.