

of the status of women in private law, the Commission unanimously approved a United Nations draft requesting the Secretary-General to prepare and arrange for early publication of a new edition of the monograph "Legal Status of Married Women", on the basis of information from the recent seminars on the Status of Women in Family Law and other documentaries.

Human Rights Commission

Among the main topics considered by the Commission on Human Rights, which met at Geneva from March 19 to April 14, were the documents and reports of the work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Draft Principles on Freedom and Non-Discrimination on the Matter of Religious Rights and Practices and the report on the recent session of the Sub-Commission. The Commission also considered a study of the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile, and the annual report "Freedom of Information".

This was the first session of the Commission on Human Rights since its membership was increased from 18 to 21 members. Canada, which had not previously been a member of the Commission on Human Rights, has now been elected for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1963; and Miss Margaret Aitken has been named Canadian representative.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The seventeenth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs met in Geneva from May 14 to June 1, 1962. The Commission reviewed the situation in illicit traffic in narcotics, which had reached a dangerously high level in some regions. The Commission was told that to some extent this situation had been brought about by the enormous growth in trade and communication in recent years which provided increased opportunities for traffickers. The Commission's consideration of this situation and the discussion of the control measures which might be taken to combat it formed the most urgent part of its work. The Commission also adopted a resolution urging countries to ratify the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, an international treaty which seeks to control the production and distribution of opium and other drugs. The 21-member Commission elected R. E. Curran of Canada, Legal Adviser in the Department of National Health and Welfare, as rapporteur.

Social Commission

At its fourteenth session, held in New York from April 30 to May 11, the Social Commission took additional steps to strengthen and stimulate social activities in the work of the United Nations and to encourage national action to develop human resources. As a result of decisions taken by ECOSOC in 1961, the membership of the Commission has been increased from 18 to 21 and now meets annually.