

book Canada: A Year of the Land were distributed on a share basis to posts in the United States, Europe, Latin America and India, where they had considerable successful use.

New display panels for units distributed in 1967 were sent to many posts, and all posts received an information display kit containing basic display items.

International Exhibitions

During the year, the Department assisted in the preparations for Government participation in two international exhibitions approved by the International Bureau of Expositions. The advisory committee for Canadian participation in HemisFair 68 at San Antonio, Texas, from April 6 to October 6 was chaired by members of the Department. The pavilion, which embodied Canada's contribution to the fair's theme of development in the Americas, was an unqualified success. The Department was also represented on the planning committee for Government participation at the World Exposition at Osaka, Japan, from March 15 to September 13, 1970.

Operations in Canada

Within Canada, mainly in answer to public enquiries, the Information Division provides information on the country's participation in world affairs. Statements by ministers and reference papers are issued on various aspects of Canada's external relations.

In 1968, the Division took over part of the functions of the Press and Liaison Division. These include the selection of important departmental documents of interest to the Cabinet, the National Defence College and other government officials concerning developments outside the country.

Co-operation with Non-Governmental and Parliamentary Organizations

Throughout the year, co-operation was maintained with non-governmental organizations concerned with Canada's external relations. Financial assistance was given to the Atlantic Council of Canada.

It was decided that the Information Division should provide, on request, administrative liaison and co-ordinate the provision of information to all Canadian Parliamentary delegations going abroad. During 1968 these included the fifty-sixth Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (at Lima, Peru, from September 5 to 13), the Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association Meeting (Paris, December 1 to 7), and the fourteenth General Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Nassau, October 26 to November 9).

The Division co-operated in the information sphere with the various international and regional organizations of which Canada is a member, such as the United Nations, NATO and the OECD, by distributing their information material domestically. It was also involved in planning for Commonwealth information activities.