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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1959.

THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN WILL CONVENE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 9, 1959. CANADA WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE EIGHTEEN-MEMBER COMMISSION BY MRS. HARRY QUART, M.B.E., OF QUEBEC CITY.

THE COMMISSION, WHOSE FUNCTION IT IS TO PREPARE STUDIES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF WOMEN'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL STATUS, WILL HAVE A HEAVY AGENDA BEFORE IT FOR ITS THREE-WEEK SESSION. IT IS EXPECTED TO GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO A SERIES OF REPORTS ON ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN THE PROFESSIONS OF ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING AND LAW. THE REPORTS CONSTITUTE THE FIRST STEPS IN A GENERAL STUDY ON THE ACCESS OF WOMEN TO TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL FIELDS.

THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER REPORTS ON THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TRUST AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES; ON THE ACCESS OF WOMEN TO EDUCATION; ON EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK; ON THE AGE OF RETIREMENT AND THE RIGHT TO PENSION OF WORKING WOMEN; ON TAX LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO WOMEN INCLUDING WOMEN WITH FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES; AND ON LEGISLATION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN PRIVATE LAW, WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO FAMILY AND PROPERTY RIGHTS OF WOMEN, ADVISORY SERVICES IN RELATION TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN, AND REPORTS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON WOMEN. FINALLY, IT WILL CONSIDER ITS OWN FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES.

MRS. QUART WILL BE ASSISTED BY MISS MARION ROYCE, DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN'S BUREAU IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR.