

one of the most effective measures that could be taken by UNESCO was to strengthen its support for non-governmental cultural organizations. In the area of mass communications, it was the prevailing view that everything possible should be done to encourage and facilitate the free flow of information by all available means. To all of these activities, the exchange of persons programme is an important adjunct and received the full support of the Conference.

In an attempt to achieve greater concentration and more effective use of resources in the future, the Conference reviewed activities in twelve major areas since the Organization was established in 1946, and adopted a resolution authorizing the Director-General to prepare a report to be presented in 1959 to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in response to a request directed to all the Specialized Agencies. The report will provide an appraisal of UNESCO activities and achievement and will indicate how its programme might be developed over the next five years.

Canadian Delegation

The Canadian Delegation, headed by Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, President of the University of British Columbia and Chairman of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO, was composed as follows: Mr. Benjamin Rogers, Canadian Ambassador to Turkey; Mr. R. J. McCleave, M.P. for Halifax, N.S.; Mr. E. Morissette, M.P. for Rimouski, Quebec; Dr. W. H. Swift, Deputy Minister of Education, Alberta; Professor P. H. Brieger, Department of Arts and Archaeology, University of Toronto; Dr. Pierre Gendron, Dean of Sciences, University of Ottawa; Mr. K. Kaplansky, Director of International Affairs, Canadian Labour Congress; Mr. Marcel Ouimet, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; Mr. Eugène Bussière, Secretary, Canadian National Commission for UNESCO; Dr. E. F. Sheffield, Chairman, Programme Committee, Canadian National Commission for UNESCO; Mr. Harris Armstrong and Miss Mary Q. Dench of the Department of External Affairs and Mr. Gerard Bertrand of the Canadian Embassy, Paris.

Conference of Canadian National Commission

At the first Annual Conference of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO*, which was held in Montreal from March 12 to 14, those members of the Delegation to the tenth session who had been concerned with programme matters at the General Conference outlined the programme for 1959 and 1960. Working groups in each of the areas then considered plans for Canadian participation over the two-year period. Special attention was directed to the major project for the mutual appreciation of the cultural values of the East and West. The principal speaker at the Conference was H. E. Mr. Toru Hagiwara, the Japanese Ambassador to Canada, who represented his country on the Executive Board of UNESCO from 1952 to 1956.

*See External Affairs, March 1958.