

In accordance with section 7 of Resolution 2/9, 21 June 1946 of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights drafted at its second session from 3 December to 17 December, 1947, an international bill of rights which it circulated to Member Governments for their comments. The comments of the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on the draft international declaration of human rights, submitted to Parliament on 25 June 1948, will be taken into account by the Canadian delegations to the seventh session of the Economic and Social Council and to the third session of the General Assembly.

(On 30 June 1948 Royal assent was given to an Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938. This included the repeal of section 14(2) 1 of section 6 of the Dominion Elections Act in order to enable Canadian citizens of Japanese origin to vote in federal elections).

Resolution 41/4 - 29 March 1947 - Population.

This resolution requires the Secretary-General to obtain the necessary population statistics, estimates and studies needed by the United Nations.

The Canadian Government sends a monthly statistical statement to the United Nations for the Monthly Bulletin and has sent any other statistical information requested by the United Nations. Statistical information on the specific problems enumerated in Resolution 41 (IV) has not been requested of Canada by the Population Commission but Canadian comments on the proposed structure of the Demographic Year Book were given to the United Nations by Dr. Herbert Marshall, the Canadian Representative to the Third Session of the Statistical Commission.

Resolution 45 (IV) - 29 March 1947 - Proposal for Contribution of one day's pay to the International Children's Emergency Fund.

The appeal for funds for the children has been carried out in Canada by a national voluntary committee, "The Canadian Appeal for Children." The appeal based its campaign to a certain extent on the project of "one day's pay", but, where that method was not practicable, other measures were employed. This appeal carried on its campaign for funds from February to May of this year.

Resolution 48 (IV) - 29 March 1947 - Status of Women

This resolution invites Member States to reply as early as possible to Part I of the Questionnaire on the Legal Status and Treatment of Women.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs in a note dated January 9, 1948 transmitted Canada's answer to Part I of the Questionnaire on the Legal Status and Treatment of Women. There has been no change in law concerning the Franchise and Eligibility to hold public office since the passage of resolution No. 56 (I) of the General Assembly of December 11, 1946. Women may be elected and appointed to public office in Canada.

Resolution 49 (IV) - 28 March 1947 - Narcotic Drugs

This resolution asks for the assistance of Member States in the various phases of the work of control of narcotics.