

reports from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

### *Thirty-Seventh Session of the Economic and Social Council*

The Economic and Social Council held its thirty-seventh session in Geneva from July 13 to August 15, 1964. Canada, while not a member of the Council in 1964, was represented by observers at the sessional meetings. Because of the General Assembly's decision to enlarge the Council and to distribute its seats more equitably, it was decided, as an interim measure, to appoint 27 members to the main committees of the thirty-seventh session instead of 18 and, of the nine additional members, eight were from the developing countries.

The thirty-seventh session was, in a sense, an interim meeting of the Council, held before the end of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) but before the recommendations of that conference were considered by the General Assembly. The majority of the members of the Council were determined to see that it did not take any steps which contradicted or called into question any decision of UNCTAD. Consequently, the statement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Council which set forth a number of suggestions for a dynamic new role for ECOSOC did not receive an enthusiastic reception from the developing countries represented on it. While the Council did not review its procedures at this session, as suggested by the Secretary-General, it did adopt two resolutions which should expedite its work in the future with regard to co-ordination between the Council members and the Specialized Agencies, and to procedures which would make available to the Council the budgetary implications of the United Nations Work Programme. The aim of these resolutions was to enable the Council to gain a better perspective of the activities as a whole of the United Nations in fields of interest to the Council.

As well as the review of the Final Act and Report of the UNCTAD, the Council reviewed briefly the reports of the Specialized Agencies, the World Food Programme, UNICEF and the Regional Economic Commissions and questioned their directors about the activities of their organizations. These reports, with the annual reports of the Governing Council of the Special Fund and the Technical Assistance Board (TAB), were noted by the Council after brief discussions. A recommendation of the TAB about housing for experts was accepted and the United Nations programme of technical assistance was approved with the annual report.