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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DR. R.P. VIVIAN, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DURHAM, WILL ATTEND THE 27TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS OBSERVER FOR CANADA. THE 27TH SESSION WILL CONVENE IN MEXICO CITY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

2. AMONG THE MAIN ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA WILL BE DISCUSSIONS ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS AT THIS SESSION ON SOURCES OF ENERGY, LAND REFORM AND INDUSTRIALIZATION. ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE MADE BY THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND WILL ALSO HAVE A BEARING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE A YEARLY REPORT FROM THE CHILDRENS FUND; THIS UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME FOR ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY MOTHERS AND CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS ONE OF GREAT INTEREST TO CANADA, WHICH IS AMONG THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE FUND. OTHER TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL ARE REPORTS OF ITS POPULATION COMMISSION AND REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN CARTOGRAPHY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.

3. CANADA IS NOT NOW A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, HAVING COMPLETED ITS THIRD TERM OF MEMBERSHIP ON DECEMBER 31, 1958.