

The Commission also examined and studied the "International Survey of Programmes of Social Development", and the report of a group of experts on the development of national social service programmes. It examined the Secretary-General's report on "Training for Social Work: Third International Survey" and recommended that comments of governments, Specialized Agencies and non-governmental organizations be obtained.

Canada will be a candidate for membership on the Commission at the elections which will be held at the 29th session of ECOSOC in April 1960.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission on the Status of Women is composed of eighteen members. Its function is to make recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on promoting women's rights and to develop proposals designed to give effect to the principle that men and women should have equal rights. In 1959 Canada served the second year of a three-year term on the Commission.

The Commission held its thirteenth session in New York from March 9 to 27, 1959. Among questions discussed were the status of women in private law with special regard to family and property rights of women; the access of women to education, economic opportunities for women in professions such as architecture, engineering and law; and equal pay for equal work. The Commission considered reports on the political rights of women in member states of the United Nations and trust and non-self-governing territories; on the age of retirement and the right to pensions of working women; on tax legislation applicable to women, including women with family responsibilities; and on legislation on the nationality of married women.

In the course of its session the Commission passed resolutions requesting the Secretary-General *inter alia* to prepare for the fourteenth session of the Commission a draft convention dealing with the age of marriage, free consent and registration of marriage; to arrange for publication at an early date of a book containing the history of the Convention on the Nationality of Married Women and a commentary on its provisions; and to issue in the form of a publication the draft pamphlet on "Equal Pay for Equal Work" prepared in collaboration with the International Labour Office. The Commission also adopted a resolution inviting the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to prepare for the fifteenth session of the Commission a further report on the access of women to the teaching profession. Finally it recommended that (all) states members of the United Nations and members of the Specialized Agencies facilitate by all appropriate means the equal treatment of men and women workers with respect to pension plans and the implementation of the principle that retirement and pensionable age be the same for men and women workers.

Commission on Human Rights

The Commission on Human Rights was established in 1946 and is composed of representatives from eighteen states members of the United Nations, elected by the Economic and Social Council. Canada is not a member of the Commission.

The Commission held its fifteenth session in New York from March 16 to April 10, 1959. On the basis of the report of its Committee on Freedom of Information, it decided to review developments affecting freedom of information, including the problems of providing technical assistance to under-developed countries in the field of information, as a regular item on its agenda. It recommended for the approval of ECOSOC a resolution request-