

Report of the Canadian Delegation to the Seventh
Session of the General Conference of UNESCO,
Paris, November 12 - December 11, 1952

It has become customary to refer to various General Conferences of UNESCO in terms of crises and turning points. The Seventh General Conference held at Paris from November 12 to December 11, 1952, was no exception. It is no exaggeration to say that this was a critical conference for UNESCO; it would be incorrect to say that the crisis has been happily surmounted and that the Organization can now proceed confidently on a stable course. The different national conceptions of the work which UNESCO can and should do caused a serious rift in the middle of the conference. At its close there had been only a patchy and uneasy bridging of the rift.

The Canadian Delegation to the Seventh General Conference of UNESCO consisted of the following:

Chairman: Dr. Victor Doré, Canadian Minister to Switzerland and Austria

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Site of the Eighth General Conference of UNESCO

The action taken by the Sixth General Conference, commending to the Seventh Conference the invitation of the Government of Uruguay to hold the Eighth Conference at Montevideo, virtually pre-determined the decision.

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