

meeting of the Pan-American Health Organization, the regional body for the Americas of the World Health Organization; several of the "country" reviews of CIAP, the executive committee of the Alliance for Progress; and the sixth meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council. Canadian co-operation with Latin American countries continued in the United Nations, and Canada, as a member, attended the thirteenth full session of the committee of the whole of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America in Lima from April 14 to 23. In May, Canada became a full member of the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrators (CIAT) and attended the third General Assembly of the Center in Mexico City. The purpose of the CIAT is to encourage the reform of tax systems and to improve their administration through the exchange of technical assistance.

Outside the multilateral framework, the agreement providing for postgraduate and doctoral fellowship exchanges between the National Research Council of Canada and the National Research Council of Brazil came into effect during this year, and has resulted in valuable exchanges in the fields of natural products, nuclear magnetic research, computer science and biophysics. Canadians again participated in the Sao Paulo *Bienal* and the sculptor Robert Murray was awarded a major prize.

It is expected that an additional \$10 million will be contributed to the Canadian development-loan program for Latin America, which is administered by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), bringing the total amount allocated to the program since it was initiated in 1964 to \$60 million. All of the \$50 million currently allocated to the program has been distributed among a total of 15 projects. An additional contribution to Latin American development has been made through long-term commercial credits provided under Section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act; since the end of 1960, when these credits first became available, financing agreements with Latin American countries totalling \$275,086,386 have been signed. Of a further \$15 million of special Section 21A funds provided to the IDB for capital projects, \$2.3 million has now been committed in Brazil. The Canadian Government continues indirectly to assist the Canadian University Service Overseas in its operations throughout the world, including those it is undertaking in Latin America, and sponsors the Canadian Executive Service Overseas, a private organization that provides technical assistance to developing countries, including Brazil.

Relations among French-Speaking States Division

This Division is concerned with the multilateral aspects of Canada's relations with French-speaking countries, and its work is thus complementary to that of the other area divisions, which deal with the bilateral aspects of these relations. The Division has special responsibility for all aspects of Canada's growing participation in the activities of the international cultural community of French-speaking countries known as la Francophonie. In the course of the year, preparatory work is done in connection with numerous official and semi-official meetings relating to la Francophonie that are held in various countries.