

## **International Telecommunication Union**

The purpose of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is to maintain and extend international co-operation in the use and improvement of telecommunications of all kinds. In March 1966, an Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference was convened in Geneva for seven weeks to revise the frequency-allotment plan and associated radio regulations for the Aeronautical Mobile (R) Service. Canada submitted draft proposals which contributed to the success of this Conference and Canadian delegates were chosen to head several committees.

In June 1966, the eleventh Plenary Assembly of the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) was held in Norway for four weeks. The Canadian delegation was composed of 27 representatives of government and industry in Canada. In addition to contributing to the submission of technical documents, four members of the Canadian delegation served as chairmen of various working parties. One was also a candidate in the election held by the Plenary Assembly for a new Director of the CCIR.

The fourth Plenary Assembly of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT) is scheduled for 1968 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In preparation for this Assembly, study groups and working-party meetings were held during 1966 at various locations throughout the world and representatives from Canada served as chairmen or vice-chairmen of several of these groups. *En route* to one of these meetings in Melbourne, Australia, a Canadian representative attended the opening ceremonies of the new Malaysian Telecommunication Training Center, set up in Kuala Lumpur under the United Nations Development Programme.

The twenty-first session of the Administrative Council was convened in Geneva during May and June 1966, and Canada headed the Technical Committee during this session. The Council set up a small group of representatives from the Latin American countries and the permanent organs of the ITU to prepare for a Regional Administrative Conference for Latin America. The Council set up an agenda for a World Administrative Radio Conference to be convened in Geneva on September 18, 1967, for seven weeks to deal with matters relating to the Maritime Mobile Service. During the year, Canada continued its financial support of the activities of the ITU by paying 3.23 per cent, or \$164,000 (Cdn), of the budget of this Agency.<sup>1</sup>

## **Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization**

The objective of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) is to facilitate co-operation between governments in technical mat-

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix I, Section 4.