

general responsibility for co-ordinating the various aspects of Canadian policy in the countries and areas under their jurisdiction.

The United Nations Division deals with matters relating to international conferences and organizations, especially the United Nations and the specialized agencies. Its chief function is to co-ordinate the work of other divisions of the Department and other Departments of the Government so far as this work is concerned with the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

The Economic Division deals with all financial, commercial and general economic questions which have international implications. It is therefore responsible for the work carried out by the Department in connection with commercial and financial treaties and agreements, treatment of foreign assets in Canada and of Canadian assets abroad, programmes of relief or assistance to foreign countries, foreign loans, requests for various commodities in short supply, international civil aviation, telecommunications, shipping, and exchange and balance of payments problems. Co-ordination of policy is secured by co-operation with the Departments of Finance, Trade and Commerce, Agriculture and Transport, the Bank of Canada, the Foreign Exchange Control Board and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Relations with certain international agencies in the economic field are also the responsibility of the Economic Division.

The Protocol Division deals with all matters of diplomatic protocol, precedence, privileges and immunities. It arranges the accrediting of Canadian diplomatic and consular representatives abroad and of similar representatives of other countries in Canada. It arranges for visits to Canada of foreign heads of state and extends to them government hospitality. It deals with foreign honours and awards.

The function of the Legal Division is to supervise the legal side of Canada's relations with other states. It examines the constitutional position in Canada with respect to all international undertakings, maintaining close liaison with the Department of Justice on questions of this nature. Its duties also include the registration of treaties and international agreements and the publication and presentation of these to Parliament. It assists in the preparation of treaties and in their subsequent interpretation and application.

The Information Division's chief function is to provide information on Canada to meet the needs of the missions abroad and provide background information for foreign writers and students. Its external work was considerably expanded in February, 1947, when the Canadian Information Service was brought into the Department. The Division issues and distributes abroad such publications (formerly produced by C.I.S.) as daily and weekly news bulletins, reference papers, feature articles, biographies and occasional booklets or folders to meet specific needs. Graphic material and photographs are also distributed. The Division assists visitors and journalists from abroad to obtain information on Canada; answers a large volume of inquiries from abroad; and handles press arrangements, when necessary, for Canadian delegations to the United Nations and other international conferences. It is also responsible for departmental press