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The twentieth session of the Human Rights Commission opened this week in New York. Canada is serving its second year on the Commission, having been elected for a three-year term beginning January 1, 1963. The Canadian Representative on the Commission is Miss Margaret Aitken, who was appointed on October 26, 1962 to serve the three-year period on the Commission. Alternate Representatives include Miss Valerie Kasurak of Windsor, who has been prominent in United Nations activities and Ukrainian affairs in Canada and who will attend the entire session; Miss Edith Lorentsen of the Department of Labour; Mr. Jean Lagassé of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration; and Miss Marguerite Ritchie of the Department of Justice; each of whom will attend for two weeks. Advisers to the Delegation are being provided by the Department of External Affairs.

This session of the Commission is expected to be a particularly important one since the Commission has been asked to prepare for consideration by the United Nations General Assembly a draft Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination. The other main item on the Commission's agenda will be the consideration of a draft Declaration on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance.