

conferences of the Union. Since telecommunications is an expanding field, the Plenipotentiary Conference, in order to meet the cost of the projects now planned, has raised the ceiling on expenditures, which had been set at 4,000,000 Swiss francs (about \$920,000 Canadian) by the Atlantic City Conference. A budget of 6,177,355 Swiss francs was approved for 1953 and the ceilings on ordinary expenditures for the succeeding four years were set at figures fluctuating slightly above and below a mean of 6,000,000 francs. The Plenipotentiary Conference concluded its work by unanimously approving the Buenos Aires Convention replacing the existing Atlantic City Convention. Canada has signed subject to ratification. The new Convention will become effective January 1, 1954 for those who have ratified it.

The eighth session of the ITU Administrative Council convened in Geneva, the headquarters of the Union, on May 2, 1953. Among the items on the agenda was the election of a new Secretary-General of the Union. To replace Dr. Leon Mulatier, the Council chose Dr. Marco Andrada of Argentina, former Secretary-General of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications of his country, who has been, for many years, very active in the field of international telecommunications.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The seventh session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was held at the Agency's headquarters in Paris from November 12 to December 11, 1952. Three new members, Spain, Nepal and the United Kingdom of Libya, were admitted. On the other hand, the Governments of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary have sent in their notices of withdrawal, and the total membership will therefore remain at 65. (The Soviet Union has never been a member of UNESCO). The membership of the Executive Board of the Agency was increased from 18 to 20.¹

In future, sessions of the General Conference are to be held biennially instead of each year. The seventh session therefore approved a two-year budget which was set at \$18.7 million. Canada's net contribution for 1953 was \$298,065 (US). The Director-General, Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet, who had requested a \$20,400,000 budget, resigned when the smaller sum was decided upon and his deputy, Dr. John W. Taylor, served as acting head of the Organization until Dr. Luther Evans was appointed as Director-General by an Extraordinary General Session in July, 1953.

The Canadian Delegation at the seventh session of the UNESCO Conference supported the setting up of a Working Party on Future Programme and Development, which was given the task of exam-

¹See *Canada and the United Nations 1951-52*, pp. 110-113.