

education of each of the ten provinces) and other national organizations concerned with education, the Department ensured Canadian representation in various educational activities carried out under the auspices of international organizations. Particular mention should be made of the International Conference on Education, organized jointly by the International Bureau of Education (IBE) and UNESCO, which was held in Geneva in August, and of the Canadian participation in the first Commonwealth Conference on Educational Broadcasting, held in Sydney, Australia, in October.

The third and final phase of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development review of Canadian educational policies took place in Paris during the December session of the OECD Education Committee. This so-called "confrontation" meeting brought to a successful conclusion the wide-ranging study, carried out under the auspices of the OECD with the active participation of the Council of Ministers of Education, the individual provincial educational authorities, interested federal departments and a team of international experts. The delegation to the Paris meeting was headed by Ben Hanuschak, Education Minister for the Province of Manitoba.

For the eleventh consecutive year, six graduates of France's Ecole Nationale d'Administration were given the opportunity to travel across Canada and to attend briefings by senior public officials. The tours were offered in exchange for a program, administered by the Public Service Commission, in which the ENA offers scholarships to Canadian civil servants.

Youth exchanges are considered a particularly creative means of making cultural contacts abroad. The Department again provided liaison services with foreign governments for the "Contact Canada" program administered by the Secretary of State. The summer exchange program between the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada enabled some 250 people from each country to spend part of their summer holidays working in the other country. The exchange program of young specialists and technicians shared by Mexico and Canada was extended for another three years. Visits were made by 15 Canadians and an equal number of Mexicans, from 18 to 30 years of age, to give these young professionals practical experience in their chosen fields in the host country.

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UNESCO's activities, encompassing as they do the natural and social sciences, education and culture, are of interest to many governmental departments and agencies in Canada, both federal and provincial, to institutions of learning, and to a large number of private organizations. The Department works closely with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and the Director of the Cultural Affairs Division of External Affairs is a member of its Executive Committee. Canada's Permanent Delegate to UNESCO in Paris serves as intermediary between these Canadian authorities and the UNESCO Secretariat to ensure that the organization benefits fully from Canadian experience and that Canadian organizations are kept informed of matters of interest to them.

Canada participated during 1975 in a broad range of UNESCO-sponsored programs, including the UN Information Systems in Science and Technology (UNISIST), the International Oceanographic Commission, and the "Man and Biosphere" and the International Hydrological Programs. In addition, Canada was involved in a number of the educational and cultural activities of the Organization.

In December, Canada participated in an intergovernmental meeting of experts to prepare a draft declaration on the fundamental principles governing the role of the mass media in strengthening peace and international understanding and in combating war propaganda, racism and *apartheid*. Unfortunately, it became necessary for the Canadian delegate, with those of the EC countries, the United States and Australia, to withdraw when a majority succeeded in passing a resolution declaring that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination". Canada's withdrawal from this meeting of non-governmental experts will not affect its general support for UNESCO or its basic policy towards the United Nations.

During the year, in co-operation with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and interested departments and agencies, the Department forwarded to the Director-General of UNESCO Canada's views on the Organization's medium-term plans, which will be considered at the nineteenth General Conference in 1976.