

In 1964, Canadian senior officials served in various capacities on specialized bodies of the FAO and Canada continued to provide experts to a number of technical-assistance projects in developing countries.

### *International Civil Aviation Organization*

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), whose headquarters are in Montreal, was set up to establish international standards and regulations for civil aviation. Among other things, it encourages the use of safety measures, uniform regulations for operation, and simpler procedures at international borders. The increasing importance of its work was reflected in recent statistics, which showed that the domestic and international air lines of the 107 member states of ICAO had carried 156 million passengers in 1964, an increase of 16 per cent over 1963.

During 1964, ICAO, in co-operation with the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Special Fund, opened in Bangkok the headquarters of the Regional Civil Aviation Centre for Southeast Asia and continued to assist in operating existing aviation-training centres in six countries in North America, Asia and Africa. In recognition of the increasing needs of Africa, ICAO established two new training institutes in Nigeria and Congo (Leopoldville) and sponsored in Rome in November and December an Africa-Indian Ocean regional air-navigation meeting to draw up a new plan for ground facilities and services for civil aviation in Africa. It also joined the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in sponsoring in Addis Ababa in November the first Conference on Air Transport in Africa, which agreed to take initial steps to establish a permanent African civil-aviation organ and to reorganize African air transport on the basis of multi-national groupings. Other recommendations by the conference included a request that ICAO complete its study of existing training arrangements in Africa and consider the establishment of additional training centres.

In March 1964 the Council of ICAO announced the appointment of B.T. Twigt of the Netherlands as Secretary-General of the Organization for a three-year term. He succeeds R.M. Macdonnell of Canada, who served as Secretary-General from 1958 to 1964.

### *International Labour Organization*

The International Labour Organization (ILO) was established in 1919 to promote social justice by improving working and living conditions around the world. Its General Conference, usually held in Geneva each June, is attended by national delegations, each consisting of two government delegates, one employer and one worker delegate.