

life of nations and encourages member states to take whatever means may be at their disposal, in keeping with their constitutions, to render museums accessible to everyone. It approved the proposal to prepare for the twelfth session a recommendation to promote the safeguarding of the beauty and character of the landscape and instructed that the legislative study be amplified to include the preservation of the beauty of man-made sites. A second stage will lead eventually to an international campaign for the protection of historical monuments.

The preparation of a history of the Scientific and Cultural Development of Mankind was entrusted six years ago to an International Commission of distinguished historians from more than twenty countries. The project has been slow in coming to fruition, mainly on account of its broad scope, but the conference was informed that this comprehensive work, in six volumes, is virtually completed and that an English edition will start appearing in 1961.

Launched in 1957 for a period of ten years as a result of a decision taken at the ninth session in New Delhi, the Major Project on the Mutual Appreciation of Eastern and Western Cultural Values has, in the course of its first four years, proved to have a widely popular appeal in many countries. The Canadian delegation reported to the conference the particularly active role played by the Canadian National Commission for Unesco in support of this project. In the light of the active participation by many organizations and individuals in Canada, it was gratifying for the delegation to learn at first hand that the project was regarded with deep satisfaction by its Asian participants, and we joined with the latter in approving an increase in its budget. It may be expected that the next session will witness a further extension of the East-West project.

The conference approved a resolution, submitted by the Canadian delegation, calling for Unesco's support for the fourteenth annual conference of the International Folk Music Council which is to be held in Canada at Quebec City in the summer of 1961 with the co-operation of the Canadian Folk Music Society and the assistance of the Canada Council.

### **Mass Communication**

As the result of a request from the Economic and Social Council, Unesco's role in helping the less-developed countries to build up their press, radio and film facilities is entering a phase of considerable expansion. Regional technical meetings have already been held or are scheduled for Southeast Asia, Latin America and Africa so that the countries in these areas may become acquainted with the requirements for developing a systematic programme. Governments will be encouraged to include projects arising out of the survey in their requests for technical assistance. Through expert missions and meetings, Unesco will also help governments and mass media organizations to launch such projects. In addition, with regard to facilities for training in journalism, the organization will extend to Asia its long-term programme, already initiated through the international centre at the Université de Strasbourg and the regional centre at the Central University of Ecuador. These initiatives are in keeping with one of the two information functions of the organization: that of promoting the free flow of information and the development of mass communication methods and techniques.