

Various member states engaged in similar activities. In Canada the Executive Council for ICY co-ordinated, with the assistance of a grant from the Federal Government, the activities of private organizations, which undertook well over 100 projects in the name of ICY. These ranged in character from co-operation in the fields of education, arts, science and sports, through the provision of food, clothing and books, to travel, tourism and seminars. Information kits on ICY activities in Canada were distributed by the Executive Council, statements on ICY were made by several distinguished Canadians, radio and television stations carried programmes on ICY, and articles appeared in a large number of Canadian newspapers, magazines, and reviews. The Government itself released in March a special issue of 27 million ICY stamps, published articles about ICY in the monthly publications of its various departments, and released booklets dealing with particular aspects of international co-operation. The International Service of the CBC devoted special programmes to ICY, and the National Film Board produced and distributed throughout Canada a message urging support for ICY from the Governor-General.

Outer Space Committee

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space is engaged in an examination of areas of international co-operation in outer space, including means of peaceful space exploration and exploitation, and a study of the legal problems which might arise in this field. The Committee, at its seventh session in New York in October, took note, amongst other matters, of progress reports on outer-space activities of the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union. It also made recommendations with respect to education, training, international sounding-rocket facilities, the exchange of information, and the encouragement of international programmes in the field of outer space, and requested its legal sub-committee, which also met in 1965, to continue its work on the draft international convention on liability for damage caused by space vehicles and on an agreement concerning assistance of astronauts and space vehicles. A working group of the Committee proposed the holding of a conference in 1967 on the peaceful uses of outer space to focus attention on the practical benefits and opportunities available for non-space powers in the outer-space field.

The twentieth session of the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations and activities of the Outer Space Committee and showed a growing interest in programmes of education and in the training of specialists from developing countries in the peaceful uses of outer space.