

Special Questions

In this connection, I might briefly note that, among the proposals which my delegation will wish to examine with care, are those regarding UNESCO's relations with the International Development Association and the United Nations civilian operations in the Congo. While there can be no doubt that UNESCO has an important and helpful role to play in both these fields of activity, it might be that the specific proposals which are before the conference at this time are somewhat premature. To these, as well as to other matters, my delegation will be giving attention as the conference proceeds.

UNESCO's Best Role

I have observed that the great majority of UNESCO projects commend themselves to the Canadian Government. In co-operation with the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO, we have carefully examined, as indeed have other delegations, the programme and the budget for 1961-1962. While we are in agreement with our Canadian National Commission for UNESCO that, in general, both the projects concerned and the planning for them have been clearly stated by the Director-General, we shall naturally have observations to make on a number of the projects planned for the next two years. It is our view that UNESCO plays a most helpful role when it gives assistance to international associations concerned with parts of the total areas with which UNESCO is concerned. We hope that UNESCO's relationship with such organizations as the International Association of Universities, the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, and the World Federation of United Nations Associations will be continued and strengthened. And we are pleased to notice the Director-General's happy phrase that ". . .the whole range of the organization's administration must first be welded into a consistent whole". With this objective in mind, and armed with the excellent, if somewhat voluminous, documentation which is characteristic of this eleventh session, we are looking forward to subsequent debates with the liveliest interest and pleasure.

New Dimensions

At the National Conference of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO, to be held in February of 1961, it is proposed to take as the general theme "New Dimensions in International Relations", with particular reference to the work of UNESCO. It seems to the Canadian delegation important to realize that these new dimensions in international relations are already apparent to us; that there has developed through UNESCO and through other international agencies a new sense of joint partnership so that no longer is the invidious distinction made between contributing and receiving nations. It is the convinced view of the Canadian delegation that we here at this conference are engaged in a joint partnership as citizens, not only of our own countries, but in a larger sense as citizens of the one world which we all must share. For our part, we welcome this