

In the field of air transport, two economic studies were completed and issued—*North Atlantic Traffic Forecasts (1966)* and *Air Transport Operating Costs*. Preparations continued for meetings on Charges for Airports and Route Air-Navigation Facilities and Facilitation.

A panel of experts was established to consider the problem of limits of liability for passengers and to prepare for an eventual diplomatic conference on the subject.

Technical assistance missions in several countries were engaged in aeronautical training and in advice to governments upon the installation and operation of aeronautical services. Under a special fund, ICAO was engaged in eight projects, each for the establishment of a regional aeronautical training centres. One of these was completed—the ICAO/Special Fund Civil Aviation Training Institute project in Cairo, for which responsibility was transferred to the United Arab Republic.

Universal Postal Union

The scope and objectives of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), one of the oldest (founded 1874) and largest of the Specialized Agencies, are, as expressed in its constitution, to form a single postal territory, secure the organization and improvement of the postal service and the promotion in this field of international collaboration. Canada has been a member since 1878. With the admission in 1966 of Singapore and Malawi, UPU membership has grown from the initial 22 countries to 129.

The principal organs of the Union are the Congress, the supreme organ, the Executive Council, of which Canada is a member, the Consultative Committee on Postal Studies and the International Bureau. The Congress normally meets every five years to revise the Acts of the Union and to draw up a quinquennial programme of its activities.

The Executive Council, which consists of 27 member countries elected by the Congress on a geographical basis, meets annually to ensure continuity of the UPU's work between Congresses. The Council maintains relations with postal administrations, the United Nations Organization and its Specialized Agencies. It exercises control over the administrative and financial affairs of the International Bureau and makes recommendations to the Congress.

The Consultative Committee on Postal Studies, which is open to all Universal Postal Union members, was established to carry out studies, exchange information and give advice on technical matters of interest to postal services. Its Management Council consists of 20 members, and meets annually to direct and co-ordinate the work of the Committee.