

tion, during which it was noted that Canada had been represented at the inter-governmental meeting at which the Decade had been proposed. Canada contains a wide variety of hydrological environments, including more large lakes and fresh water than any other country, as well as extensive glaciers and ice-fields. It also has important hydro-electric developments, as well as problems of aridity, irrigation and water pollution. Canada was elected for a two-year term to the Coordinating Council established to organize and supervise the activities of the Decade.

Social and Human Sciences and Cultural Activities

While it was suggested on various occasions that this part of the programme was being "stabilized", the funds being supplied from the regular budget for activities in this area amounted to \$7.3 million, a 12 percent increase over the preceding biennium. When combined with the substantial additional extra-budgetary resources being made available, the increase totals 21 per cent.

A programme of particular interest for the next few years in this area is one entitled "The Trends of Research in the Field of Social and Human Sciences", which is comparable to a similar programme in the field of the natural sciences that has just been completed. In addition, UNESCO will be continuing a number of projects under this new chapter-heading. These include the encouragement of basic and applied research in the social sciences at the university level, the promotion of human rights, studies of the social and economic problems of newly independent countries, and the examination of the economic and social aspects of disarmament. At the same time, there will be a series of regional programmes designed to meet the problems and needs of particular areas of the world.

UNESCO will continue its role in the dissemination and international appreciation of cultures, with a view to bringing about improved international understanding at the cultural level, and toward this end certain programmes which have been particularly successful are to be extended. These include the translation of representative works in widely-spoken languages, the publication of new and old albums in the UNESCO World-Art Series, and the circulation of travelling exhibitions of reproductions. Also, in the period ahead, a special effort will be directed toward the cinematographic field with a view to the use of cultural films in museums and universities. Finally, assistance will be offered in the development of libraries, archives, bibliography and documentation and publication exchanges, particularly in countries where such facilities are badly needed and where efforts can contribute to the programme of economic and social development.

Mass Media and International Exchanges

The appropriation from the regular budget for the programme of mass media and international exchanges during 1965-1966 will be \$5.8 million, a 12 percent increase over the appropriations for the preceding biennium. The emphasis in mass communications was weighted heavily towards international efforts to assist the