

contribution. The increase acknowledged Canada's strong and continuing interest in UNICEF's aims, principles and program of assistance, and was in recognition of the efficiency which UNICEF had displayed at the operational level. It also acknowledged Canada's continuing concern over the nutritional problems in developing countries.

In the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) F. G. Perrin, Director of International Arrangements for Communications Canada, was elected to membership on the International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB) at elections held at the World Administration Radio Conference in April.

In midsummer the 17th Congress of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) met in Lausanne. This was the Centennial Congress of the UPU, which was formed in 1874 and which constitutes one of the earliest examples of international co-operation. The congress saw the election of Canada as a member of its Executive Council. At the gathering Canada played an important role in efforts to revise the allocation of the UPU's expenses among its member countries. A new category of contributions, to which Canada pledged itself, was created with a view to inducing the wealthier nations to bear a greater share of the expenses, thus lessening the financial commitment of the less-developed member countries.

The International Labour Organization's 54th Conference was held in Geneva in June. Progress was made in several areas, the conference adopting conventions and making recommendations on the prevention and control of occupational hazards caused by carcinogenic substances and agents, and on the promotion of paid educational leave for workers.

Canada also participated in the 10th Conference of American states that are members of the ILO. This was held in Mexico City in November and December.

Canada continued to participate actively in the work of the Governing Body of the ILO. Canada was represented on the

Government Workers and Employers groups of this tripartite body, with Joe Morris, president of the Canadian Labour Congress continuing as chairman of the Workers group. John Mainwaring, the Canadian Government representative on the Governing Body, was seconded to the ILO to undertake a study of the possible decentralization of ILO activities in the Asian region.

At the 21st Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), meeting in Montreal in the autumn, Canada was re-elected a member of ICAO's Council.

Among matters discussed were: (1) development of new policies and activities related to air navigation; (2) the 1975-77 triennial budget; (3) enlargement of the Council of ICAO; (4) a study of international air transport fares and rates; (5) civil aviation and the environment; and (6) the policies and activities of ICAO technical assistance provided under the UN Development Program (UNDP).

## Peacekeeping

Canada, which has been a firm supporter of every UN military mediation operation since the international organization came into being, continued its traditionally strong role in this field. Canada's main contributions to peacekeeping efforts were the large Canadian contingents in UNFICYP and UNEF II in Cyprus and the Sinai region respectively.

Conceptually, a significant development in peacekeeping in 1974 was the measure of agreement reached on the respective roles of the Security Council and the Secretary-General in dealing with forces in the field. This agreement, which underlines the Security Council mandates for UNEF and UNDOF, not only went far to settle long-standing differences of opinion as to the roles of the two entities but also defined their relationship with the commander in the field.

As well as participating actively in