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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced to-day that approval had been given to the following Canadian delegation to the Seventh Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations which will begin its meetings on July 19 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Delegate:

Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Canadian Minister to Switzerland

Alternate:

Dr. G. F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of Welfare

Advisers:

Mr. H. Allard, Canadian Embassy, Brussels

Mr. S. Pollock, Department of Finance

Mr. L.A.D. Stephens, Canadian Legation, Berne.

It is expected that this session of the Economic and Social Council will last about four weeks. The Economic and Social Council will consider reports from the specialized agencies of the United Nations including the International Refugee Organization, UNESCO, the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization. Reports will be tabled, too, by the Economic Commissions for Europe, for Asia and the Far East, and for Latin America; and the question of establishing an Economic Commission for the Middle East will be taken under consideration.

Further reports will be presented by various technical commissions of the Economic and Social Council, including the Statistical Commission, the Population Commission and the Social Commission. The Council will consider the work and recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights which has recently completed its final draft of an International Declaration on Human Rights. The International Labour Organization will present a report dealing with the right of Trade Unions to freedom of association; and the Council will conclude its consideration of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Economic and Social Council is composed of representatives of 18 states which are members of the United Nations. Members are elected for three-year terms and Canada's term of service expires at the end of this year.