

of \$300,000. Artists in Austria, France, Germany and Italy and craftsmen in Ethiopia received assistance at a cost of \$33,000. Fifty-nine scholarships were awarded at a cost of \$163,000. Individuals and organizations across Canada donated 250,000 books which were collected and distributed in nine countries at a cost of \$69,000. Universities in Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Malta and Ethiopia received gifts totalling \$129,000. The Department of External Affairs contributed \$200,000 to CCRU and assisted the Council's projects through its missions abroad.

The establishment of a "Canada Council" which would serve, among other things, as a national commission for UNESCO in Canada, has been recommended by the Canadian Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences. A council of this kind might perform some of the functions formerly carried out by CCRU, as well as many of the liaison and other duties now performed by the Department of External Affairs. The recommendation of the Royal Commission is under consideration by the Canadian Government.

Universal Postal Union

During 1951 the Universal Postal Union (UPU) continued its work of helping postal administrations around the world to provide better, faster and more uniform services.

UPU has the largest membership of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations with 94 member countries, territories or groups of territories. Cambodia, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Laos, the United Kingdom of Libya, and Viet Nam have become independent members since 1950, and Canada supported the application of all these countries. Headquarters of the Organization is in Berne, Switzerland, where a new building to house the Secretariat was begun in 1951 and is expected to be completed on November 1, 1952.

Through agreements observed by its member postal administration the UPU governs the international exchange of mail. In preparation for the Universal Postal Congress to be held in 1952 members of UPU were asked whether they wished to propose any changes in provisions of the agreements governing international postal services, and as a result of this enquiry more than 700 proposals were received. The Secretariat communicated these proposals to all other members of the Organization.

In 1951 UPU distributed a new *Directory of Post Offices* which lists post offices throughout the world and the services offered by each office. Many other publications were produced, republished or transmitted to members in the same year, including a list of steamship lines, complete postal statistics, a general list of air mail services, and the periodical *Journal* of UPU. Further pamphlets in the Postal Studies Series have been distributed dealing with hygiene of postal premises and equipment; the use of aircraft for purely postal transport; artificial lighting of post offices; furniture and equipment for sorting correspondence and parcels, and parcelling machines; and furniture and apparatus used by post offices. In 1952 further