

and aid to equip countries to improve their health services. The WHO also provides day-to-day information on major communicable diseases, such as cholera, smallpox and yellow fever. The WHO has also arranged and co-ordinated large-scale industrial research into heart disease and cancer. Canada contributes on a voluntary basis to the Smallpox Eradication Campaign, which is well on its way to wiping out smallpox globally. Canada also contributes to the Program of Research Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction. And, finally, Canada has pledged \$500,000 a year for a period of six years to the Onchocerciasis Control Program in West Africa. The approved working budget for 1973 is \$93,174,400. A supplemental estimate of \$3,508,500 for the effective working budget for 1973 was approved by the twenty-sixth World Health Assembly in May 1973. In 1973 Canada contributed \$1,699,000.

The *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*, whose headquarters are in Paris, endeavours to promote international co-operation and understanding in the spheres indicated by its name. To realize these aims, UNESCO carries out programs to increase facilities for education and culture, to educate the public about human rights, to extend compulsory education, and to eradicate illiteracy. The net budget for the two-year period 1972-73 is \$119,540,000. In 1973, Canada contributed \$1,569,000.

The *International Civil Aviation Organization*, with headquarters in Montreal, works to establish international standards and regulations for civil aviation and to promote the development and planning of international air-transport, and has been particularly active of late in efforts to try to resolve the problem of hijacking. Programs are carried out to improve safety, to simplify procedures for international air-travel and transportation, and to aid countries in developing air networks. ICAO's 1973 budget amounted to \$12,348,300 (U.S.), of which Canada's contribution was \$315,000.

The *Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization* is the smallest and youngest of the Specialized Agencies. Its purpose is to facilitate co-operation of governments in all technical matters affecting shipping. The IMCO also endeavours to promote the highest levels of shipping safety and efficiency, and to encourage the removal of discriminatory actions and of unnecessary restrictions by governments. For 1973, the IMCO had a budget of \$2,120,486 (U.S.); Canada was assessed \$21,000.

The *International Telecommunication Union*, the oldest international organization, is responsible for regulating, co-ordinating and planning international telecommunications in the fields of telephone, telegraphy and broadcasting. As part of its efforts to help make