

International Year of Co-operation

The General Assembly, on November 21, decided by acclamation to designate 1965, the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations, as International Co-operation Year.

The idea of an International Co-operation Year was first advanced by Prime Minister Nehru of India at the General Assembly's sixteenth regular session in November 1961. By Resolution 1844 (XVII) of December 19, 1962, a Preparatory Committee of 12, of which Canada was a member (Canada had incidentally been an original sponsor of the resolution, with India), was set up to look into the matter and report to the current session of the Assembly. The Committee recommended that 1965 be designated as International Co-operation Year and that another committee be established to look after the arrangements this would entail. In its report, the Committee also listed suggested criteria for international action during the International Co-operation Year, proposed several specific activities which might be undertaken, and suggested measures to achieve maximum publicity. Among the activities proposed were:

- (1) Assessment in 1965 of the progress and effectiveness of the United Nations Development Decade Programmes;
- (2) assessment of the application of General Assembly resolutions dealing with aspects of economic co-operation and development where substantial progress has been achieved;
- (3) encouragement of member states to co-ordinate long-term development programmes;
- (4) an appeal for ratification of multilateral instruments;
- (5) attendance by a large number of heads of state at the twentieth regular session of the Assembly in 1965.

In this last connection, the Committee referred to an invitation of the Mayor of San Francisco for delegations and the Secretariat to be represented at a short commemorative session of the United Nations, to be held in that city in 1965 with a view to celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter.

By its decision on November 21, the Assembly took note of the Preparatory Committee's suggestion and called on member states, Specialized Agencies and interested non-governmental organizations to co-operate in the celebration of the International Co-operation Year. With the exception of Colombia, which has been replaced by Argentina, the remaining 11 of the 12 states serving as members of the Preparatory Committee were re-appointed by the Assembly, this time to act as a committee to draw up and co-ordinate plans for 1965.¹

Enlargement of Councils and Charter Review

In its report to the Assembly of September 4, 1963, the Committee established in 1955 to consider the advisability of convening a conference to review the Char-

¹The text of Canada's intervention in the general debate on this question will be found quoted in full in the December 1963 number of *External Affairs*, Page 463.