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CANADA CONTRIBUTES TO INTERNATIONAL FORESTRY

Canadian involvement in the work of international organizations and programs concerned with forestry continues to increase, according to the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. Although the Special Adviser and the International Liaison Officer are primarily concerned with this activity, the contribution of the Forestry Branch involves many officers and includes a wide range of disciplines and specialized activities.

In September 1968, Canada was host to formal meetings of the thirteenth session of the International Poplar Commission, an important event in international forestry, participated in by 15 countries. Canada's representatives were drawn from the Forestry Branch, other federal departments, provincial departments responsible for forestry, and the forest industries.

The Ad Hoc Forestry Committee of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),

set up to consider the proposed upgrading of the FAO Forestry and Forest Industries Division to departmental status, met in Rome in March 1969. The committee discussed the Director-General's proposals for strengthening forestry and the suggested work program for 1970-71. The Deputy Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry chaired the meeting and two of the three remaining Canadian participants came from the Forestry Branch.

Several subsidiary bodies of the North American Forestry Commission of FAO, of which Mexico, the United States and Canada are members, held meetings during the year. The Committee of Alternates and the Study Group on Forest Engineering, both established as a result of recommendations of the fourth session of the Commission, met in Washington. The Study Group on Forest Engineering, the Forest Insects and Diseases Working Party, and the Forest-Fire-Control Working Party also met in Mexico during 1968-69.

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WORLD CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER

In March 1969, Canada agreed to accept FAO's invitation to act as host to a World Consultation on Wood in Structures and Housing planned for 1971 in Vancouver. The major object of the two-week consultation is to improve the use of wood in housing and structures with special emphasis on low-cost housing.

Canadian participation in the activities of FAO also includes the chairmanship of the Advisory Committees on Pulp and Paper, and Forestry Education. The Forest Management Institute, in co-operation with FAO, took part in trials in Guatemala of a radar altimeter developed by the National Research Council for use in low-level photography for forest surveys.

Canada continued to play an active role in the program of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO). In Czechoslovakia, an official of the Forestry Branch attended meetings of the Permanent and Enlarged Committees as well as the Organizing Committee, which was established to