

assisted 39 countries in an attack on tuberculosis which had accounted for an annual death-toll of three million. Sixty-five centres throughout the world were engaged in cancer research under WHO auspices, and the Director-General was authorized to consult with four Western European members and the United States regarding the establishment of a World Research Agency for Cancer. In the area of medical education, 50 more doctors returned to the Congo in 1964 after completing their studies in France on WHO scholarships. The WHO held its seventeenth annual Assembly in March 1964 in Geneva.

World Meteorological Organization

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was set up in 1950 to facilitate and encourage international co-operation in gathering and exchanging meteorological information. Early in 1964, the WMO Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology held a joint meeting in Paris with the Meteorology and Operations Divisions of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to review the procedures and specifications for meteorological service for international civil aviation. The Executive Committee of WMO met in Geneva in May and June and, among other decisions, established a panel which subsequently met in November and approved a wide range of projects covering upper-air observations, improvements in telecommunications data processing and observational system surveys.

The International Union of Geophysics and the WMO co-sponsored the International Radiation Symposium in Leningrad in early August and the International Ozone Symposium in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in early September. The former represents the first international meteorological symposium to take place in the Soviet Union. Canada was represented at both. The fourth session of WMO's Commission for Maritime Meteorology took place in Geneva early in December; primary emphasis was given to ways and means of improving the coverage of weather observations over the oceans. Canada's representative was unanimously elected president of the Commission for the next four years. Canadians now preside over two of the eight technical commissions of WMO.

The Specialized Agencies and Apartheid

During 1964, the question of *apartheid*¹ in South Africa arose in various forms at conferences of three Specialized Agencies. At the Assembly of

¹ See also ITU Page 57 South Africa withdrew from membership in the FAO in 1963 following the adoption of a resolution directing that it should not until further notice be invited to participate in FAO conferences.