

by Trans-Canada Airlines and Air France between Paris and Montreal. Operations by a Canadian airline have not yet begun under either of these treaties.

Canada was represented at a meeting of the South Pacific Air Transport Council at Melbourne, Australia, May 1-4, 1950. This Council is mainly concerned with the maintenance of certain facilities on the South Pacific air route, the most important of these being the International Airport at Nadi in the Fiji Islands. Canada, as a member of the Council, makes a financial contribution to the maintenance and operation costs of these facilities.

On June 22, 1950, an agreement was concluded between Canada and the United States of America on the maintenance of a network of weather station ships in the Pacific Ocean. Because of the Korean war certain changes were subsequently made in this programme but Canada's contribution has not been altered. As a result of the agreement, the Canadian weather ship formerly stationed in the Atlantic was withdrawn from its position there and took up a new station in the Pacific on December 1, 1950.

The International Civil Aviation Organization, a Specialized Agency of the United Nations, has made satisfactory progress in the development of uniform techniques and standards for international civil aviation, and in increasing the comfort and safety of air travellers throughout the world. The Assembly of the Organization, which holds limited sessions annually, meets in grand session every third year. Between May 30 and June 20 the Assembly reviewed the considerable body of work accomplished during the previous year by its executive body, the Council; considered a number of outstanding problems; and laid out a further programme of work for the Council and its subsidiary committees.

One of the most interesting decisions of the 1950 Assembly was its agreement to participate in the programme formulated by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for the provision of technical assistance to under-developed countries. As a result of this decision, ICAO will make available competent experts, training facilities, and financial support for the development of civil aviation in certain under-developed countries. Requests from a number of countries have already been received for assistance under this programme.

Canada maintains a permanent representative at the headquarters of ICAO in Montreal, and has a seat on the Council as well as on all of the Council's five main subsidiary bodies. These are the Air Navigation and Air Transport Committees, the Legal Committee, the Committee on Joint Support of Air Navigation Services and the Finance Committee.

### **Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization**

The Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO) was designed to promote co-operation among governments in international