

National Commission came into being in 1957 as an agency of the Canada Council through an Order-in-Council. Besides advising the Government, through the Department of External Affairs, on UNESCO matters requiring Government action, the Commission maintains contact, for UNESCO purposes, with the many private institutions and national non-governmental groups in Canada interested in furthering UNESCO's objectives across the nation. The Commission is also able, through funds provided by the Canada Council, to help such national organizations embark on projects which would further the causes for which UNESCO came into being, and to carry out a modest domestic programme in support of UNESCO objectives.

Throughout 1966, for example, the Commission was active in promoting the Associated Schools Project under UNESCO's auspices, which now involves Canadian students from such widely-separated centres as St. John's, Campbell River and Yellowknife. In 1966, as a regional project the Commission, in co-operation with the Institute of Public Affairs of Dalhousie University, organized and provided financial assistance for a conference in Halifax aimed at defining the relations between Canada and the West Indies. As an international study with national implications, UNESCO's "East-West Major Project", launched in 1956, became the basis of a survey under the Commission's direction to examine the extent to which interchange between Eastern and Western cultures had made itself felt in Canada at all levels of human activity. The final report of this survey is expected to appear in 1967. With the Commission's encouragement, some 30,000 copies of UNESCO's monthly *Courier* are now being distributed in Canada. Canada's contribution to UNESCO's *Handbook of International Exchanges and Scholarships*, which is widely used throughout the world, is compiled and edited by the Commission. In 1966 the National Film Board released *Element 3*, a documentary film produced in co-operation with UNESCO. This film has won international acclaim and will be used extensively by UNESCO in its programme to emphasize on a world-wide basis the importance of water conservation and utilization. *The New Africans*, a television series prepared by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on education in West Africa, was produced with the combined assistance of UNESCO, the National Commission and UNICEF.

Through the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian Government executes its UNESCO policies. In 1966 a Canadian delegation consisting of representatives of the federal and provincial governments and trade unions attended a UNESCO Conference on the Status of Teachers which established an international recommendation on the subject. Canada's contribution to UNESCO paid from the national Treasury amounted to some \$715,000 in