

Another significant decision concerns the reform of the Agency's management and staff. A group of experts was formed to study the question and to submit specific proposals at the next meeting of the Administrative Council.

Finally, the conference noted the Canadian proposal to entertain a symposium of directors-general of broadcasting agencies of *francophone* countries in the spring of 1977.

The candidature of the Seychelles Islands for membership was accepted by the general conference, to take effect when the Seychelles attain independence.

The Mauritius conference showed that unexplored avenues still existed in which the Agency could usefully operate.

### **Conference of Ministers of Education**

The annual session of the Conference of Ministers of Education of French-speaking Countries was held in Paris from May 12 to 15. François Cloutier, then Quebec's Minister of Education, headed the Canadian delegation at this conference, whose agenda included approval of the organization of a number of seminars. Canada agreed to meet the cost of the one dealing with technical instruction and professional training.

### **Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports**

The Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of French-speaking Countries held its sixth session in Kigali from August 21 to 23. Paul Phaneuf, the minister responsible for the Quebec High Commission for Youth, Recreation and Sport, who was ending his term as chairman of the conference, headed the Canadian delegation.

The conference set up a special committee, of which Canada is a member, to identify means of co-operating with the Conference of Ministers of Education and with the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation. The conference welcomed the offer made by the government of Quebec to pay for the participation of two young people from each member state in the International Youth Camp organized on the occasion of the Montreal Games, and for the participation of a number of specialists in the work of the International Congress of Physical Activity Sciences, which will take place in Quebec in July 1976.

### **Non-governmental organizations**

With the support of the Canadian Government, the International Association of French-speaking Doctors (AMMF) was admitted at the Mauritius conference to the Advisory Committee of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation. The Association held the first meeting of its General Council in Dakar from December 1 to 5. Throughout the year, Canada continued to lend considerable support to the Association for Partly or Wholly French-Speaking Universities (AUPELF), which held its fifth triennial conference in Lomé from December 15 to 20. The sixth biennial for the French language took place in Luxembourg from September 6 to 14. In Abidjan, during the last week of November, the International Union of French-language Newspapers and Journalists (UIJPLF) held its thirteenth conference.

The International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians (AIPLF) held its sixth general assembly in Mauritius from September 14 to 21. The Canadian delegation was headed by Jean-Noel Lavoie, President of the Quebec National Assembly and of the Canadian section of the AIPLF. It included a group of federal parliamentarians headed by Gérald Laniel, who was elected vice-president of the Association, and representatives from Quebec and New Brunswick. These meetings involved a general restructuring of the statutes and rules of procedure of the Association, which until then had been cultural in nature but will in future, following a proposal made by Canada, be able to study the economic and social problems common to the 18 member countries. Following a modification of the Association's statutes, Quebec and New Brunswick are now considered as autonomous sections of the AIPLF.