

and took a significant part in its proceedings. The selection of Montreal as the permanent site for ICAO's headquarters was partly in recognition of Canada's contribution at Chicago.

Since 1945 Canada has been a member of the Council and there has always been a Canadian nominee on the Air Navigation Commission. Its interest as a major trading nation in international air transport has been reinforced by the development within Canada of a large aeronautical engineering industry, and the development of international services by Canadian airlines. Canadian airlines now fly across the Pacific to Japan, Hong Kong and Australasia, across the Atlantic to the United Kingdom and points in Europe, and to points in South America. The recent opening of routes from North America to Europe across the Polar regions offers new opportunities for Canadian airlines as well as new responsibilities for the Government.

Canada as host to ICAO has undertaken a number of responsibilities vis-à-vis the Organization, including the granting of certain legal and fiscal immunities to foreign Council representatives and members of the Air Navigation Committee and the Secretariat, and subsidizes the rent paid for office accommodation in Montreal so as to bring it into line with that paid by UN Specialized Agencies elsewhere. In addition Canada contributes on the same basis as other member states to the regular budget of ICAO, which in 1964 will amount for assessment purposes to \$4,977,102; Canada's contribution will be approximately 4.5 per cent of this amount.

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