

for assistance are rising so dramatically it seems to us a matter of great importance that one member of the United Nations family has its aim focused at all times on the needs of the child. We are particularly pleased that UNICEF in its programmes for children, including community development, has been working in close co-operation with the Specialized Agencies.

My Government has always been most impressed by the encouraging support received by UNICEF everywhere, both through voluntary agencies and governmental contributions. In Canada, for example, the Canadian Committee for UNICEF last year raised more than half a million dollars for UNICEF through the sale of greeting cards, the Hallowe'en for UNICEF Campaign, and voluntary contributions. We hope that the enthusiasm for UNICEF will continue to increase....

WORLD HOUSING PROBLEMS

The Canadian Government had the honour to participate this year in the first session of the Economic and Social Council Committee on Housing, Building and Planning. We believe that this first session accomplished a great deal towards solving the fundamental problems of housing. There seems to have been general agreement among members of the Committee on the following three points:

- (1) That housing has not received the international and national attention which it deserves;
- (2) that housing will continue to suffer unless a concerted effort is made to co-ordinate international action in this field concurrent with national action;
- (3) that, while housing will need increased international assistance, national governments should give housing a higher priority in order to meet pressing requirements.

My Government co-sponsored with other governments in this Committee a resolution urging co-ordination of United Nations assistance in the field of housing. We understand that the Secretary-General has been obtaining the advice of housing experts on management, organization and administration of international programmes in housing and we are looking forward with great interest to the report on these studies....

DEATH PENALTY

Another aspect of the Report which we would like to mention briefly is the reference to the excellent work on capital punishment prepared by Mr. Marc Ancel. In this connection, I would like to state that Canadian domestic legislation in this regard has been subjected to considerable changes in the past few years. As a result of amendments to our Criminal Code, the death penalty now applies in Canada only to very few capital crimes in extreme circumstances. It is, therefore, with considerable dismay that we hear of the death penalty being applied in certain countries for economic crimes. Such practices to us are more reminiscent of the feudal period of history

than of the world in which we live and of the world that we are planning for tomorrow.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE

My Delegation is glad to see that the Secretariat will undertake surveys to determine the role played by women in public life. Of primary importance for the advancement of women in developing countries is the need for educational and vocational training. My Government considers that it is most desirable that a long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women should be further developed as an integral part of existing technical assistance, rather than as a separate programme. At the same time, all United Nations programmes for women should be co-ordinated in the United Nations....

In conclusion, my Delegation wishes to stress that almost four years have passed since the United Nations Development Decade was launched. The experience we have gained during these four years has reinforced rather than diminished our belief in international development. Nonetheless, while a great deal has been accomplished already much remains to be done. In 1959, Mr. Paul Hoffman said: "The crucial decade 1960-1970 is just around the corner. In that decade half the world's population must find proof that they are on the road to a freer and richer life. If we can accelerate the pace of economic development in the 1960's as we hope, and if it can be maintained, we will come close by the end of the century to banishing the poverty, illiteracy and chronic ill health which have plagued the human race since the beginning of time." This is the challenge we still face. We have just six years to make a significant step....

NATIONAL PARKS BRANCH CHANGES

The Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Mr. Arthur Laing, recently announced plans to establish national parks regional headquarters at Calgary, Alberta, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and Cornwall, Ontario. For administrative purposes, they will be named Western, Eastern, and Central regions. Headed by a senior parks officer, these regional headquarters will co-ordinate the management of national parks and national historic parks, sites, and monuments in their areas.

The Calgary regional headquarters will serve all parks and sites west of the Manitoba-Ontario boundary. The Sydney one will supervise national and historic park development in the four Atlantic provinces. The Cornwall headquarters will do the same for Ontario and Quebec.

"The new organization will make it possible to meet the needs of park visitors more efficiently," Mr. Laing said. He recalled that park attendance had grown more than eightfold since the Second World War, to a total this year of about 8,000,000 visitors. During the current year, the total of parks visitors has increased 30 per cent. Since this trend is expected to continue, the new organization is necessary to meet growing needs in future years.