

The emphasis of the session, as in 1961, was on balanced economic and social development considered against the background of the United Nations Development Decade. Widespread acceptance and application of this idea are essential, in the Commission's opinion, in order to achieve a dynamic national growth and prosperity. Recommendations embodying this principle were forwarded by the Commission to ECOSOC, with others calling for action in such fields as urban development and social services. The Commission, acting on the recommendations of a special committee which had investigated the problems of housing throughout the world, recommended that another committee be set up to deal with the problem of housing in under-developed countries.

Canada was represented on the Social Commission by Dr. Joseph W. Willard, Deputy Minister of Welfare, who was elected Chairman of the session.

Statistical Commission

The Statistical Commission, which meets every two years, held its twelfth session at United Nations headquarters in New York from April 24 to May 10. The Commission prepared for the next two-year period a substantial body of work on a wide variety of topics. High priority in the programme was given to:

- (a) A special study of the statistical requirements for the planning of economic and social developments in less-advanced countries;
- (b) a statistical investigation of the uses to be made of the material collected under the 1963 World Programme of Basic Industrial Statistics and of various conclusions which could be drawn from these data and used to show the relationship between the elements of industrial output and input;
- (c) an examination designed to improve the concepts and techniques employed in deriving statistics of building and construction.

The session also considered such topics as the classification of government accounts, balance of payments and tourist statistics, the statistics of financial accounts of enterprises, the integrated accounts of income and financial statistics and, in the demographic field, the uses of continuous population registers.

Canada was represented on the Statistical Commission by Walter E. Duffett, Dominion Statistician, with S. A. Goldberg, Assistant Dominion Statistician, as alternate.

Commission on International Commodity Trade

The Commission on International Commodity Trade held two sessions at FAO headquarters in Rome between May 14 and May 23. The first of