

Canada is also a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization and subscribes to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention, both of which involve radio usage.

The International Civil Aviation Organization, through a number of Committees, deals with many phases of international aeronautical telecommunications including equipment standards and requirements, operational procedures and radio aids to air navigation, with the goal of standardization of aeronautical telecommunications facilities throughout the world, both air-borne and on land.

The Safety of Life at Sea Convention specifies what vessels are required to carry radio equipment for safety purposes and also indicates the type of radio apparatus to be carried by each class of vessel concerned. This also is of vital interest to Canada.

I have outlined the international aspects of telecommunications to emphasize the fact that the Department, in addition to coping with our international telecommunication problems, must also assist in solving world-wide telecommunication problems, yet must at the same time protect our national position with regard to use of radio frequencies.

We will have a heavy burden to carry in the international field during the next year or so. The International Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee Study Groups of the International Telecommunication Union will meet in Geneva early in September of this year followed by a Plenary Assembly. The International Radio Consultative Committee of the International Telecommunication Union is expected to meet in Los Angeles commencing in April of 1959.

A Radio Conference of the International Telecommunication Union is scheduled to be held in Geneva commencing in August of 1959 to revise regulations and will last approximately four months. A Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union is to be held in Geneva commencing in October of 1959 and will last approximately two months.

We already have the benefit of advice and co-operation from your member companies and of the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board in dealing with our domestic radio and radio frequency problems and we need your support and assistance in preparing for these international meetings.

We have established a Committee with several sub-committees for the purpose of reviewing radio frequencies and associated radio problems, for the guidance of delegates to the forthcoming conferences.

It is not always possible for us to assess, in detail, the requirements of industry and so, when our Committee has completed its study, we propose to obtain the views of industry. To