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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DR. VITTORINO VERONESE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO OTTAWA FROM APRIL 22 TO APRIL 24. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. RENE MAHEU, ONE OF THE THREE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION.

DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT DR. VERONESE WILL CALL ON HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND ON THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER. ON APRIL 23 HE WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL GIVE A DINNER IN HIS HONOUR.

DR. VERONESE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR-GENERAL AT THE TENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO WHICH TOOK PLACE IN PARIS IN NOVEMBER 1958. HIS TERM IS FOR SIX YEARS. PRIOR TO THIS APPOINTMENT HE HAD SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES SINCE 1948.



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DR. VITTORINO VERONESE

DR. VERONESE WAS BORN AT VICENZA, ITALY IN 1910. HE OBTAINED HIS DOCTOR OF LAW AT PADUA UNIVERSITY IN 1930 AND WAS PROFESSOR AT THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AT THE ATENEO ANGELICUM IN ROME. FROM 1945 TO 1952 HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CENTRAL CREDIT INSTITUTE AND HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS. IN ADDITION TO HIS BANKING INTERESTS HE HAS MADE EXTENSIVE STUDIES OF SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THOSE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

IN 1944 HE BECAME SECRETARY-GENERAL AND LATER PRESIDENT OF THE CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WORK. HE ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC ACTION SOCIETY DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE OF THE ITALIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, HE HAS BEEN ON THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO ALL UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCES SINCE HIS COUNTRY JOINED THE ORGANIZATION IN 1948. ELECTED TO UNESCO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 1952, DR. VERONESE WAS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD DURING 1955 AND 1956 AND CHAIRMAN DURING 1957 AND 1958. HE BECAME DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN DECEMBER 1958 AT THE CLOSE OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.