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INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS
ON THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS
FOR THE RATIONAL USE AND CONSERVATION
OF THE RESOURCES OF THE BIOSPHERE

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced that a Canadian Delegation will take part in the Intergovernmental Conference of Experts on the Scientific Basis for the Rational Use and Conservation of the Resources of the Biosphere, which will take place in Paris at UNESCO House from September 4-13, 1968.

This conference has been organized by UNESCO with the participation of the United Nations, the Food and Agricultural Organization, and the World Health Organization, with the cooperation of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the International Biological Programme.

The objective of the conference will be to ascertain how world science can help in defining methods for the rational use of the resources of the Biosphere. The work will be concerned essentially with the terrestrial part of the Biosphere, including inland waters and littoral areas but excluding oceanic resources which are being given particular attention in the framework of other international conferences.

The Canadian Delegation to this conference includes the following members:

Chairman - Dr. W.E. van Steenburgh - Federal Department of Energy,
Mines and Resources

Members - Dr. J.A. Anderson - Federal Department of Agriculture
Dr. W.H. Cook - National Research Council

Dr. D.M. Ross - University of Alberta

Dr. Ernest Mercier - Special Advisor in Agricultural
Matters to the Executive Council of Quebec

Dr. P.R. Gorham - National Research Council

Mr. Paul Dean - Canadian Wild Life Service, Department
of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Dr. Pierre Bélanger - Canadian Embassy Paris (Department
of Health and Welfare Office)

Dr. A.H. MacPherson - Privy Council Office