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NOMINATION OF THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, has the pleasure to announce the nomination of Mrs. Rita Cadieux, currently Director of the Social Action Branch of the Secretary of State Department, as the Canadian representative to the Commission on the Status of Women (biography attached). This Commission, established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, makes recommendation to the Economic and Social Council for the promotion of women's rights and to give effect to the principle that women and men should have equal rights. The Commission meets biennially. Canada is currently serving its second consecutive term on the Commission, having been re-elected for a four-year term at last year's fifty-second session of the Economic and Social Council.

Mrs. Cadieux succeeds Miss Sylva Gelber, Director, Women's Bureau, Department of Labour, who was Canada's representative to the Commission on the Status of Women during the past three years.

C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

RITA CADIEUX

1. IDENTIFICATION

Name: Rita Cadieux - Maiden name: Racette
Date of birth: December 4, 1926
Place: Shawinigan, Que.
Languages spoken: French - English
Marital Status: Married - spouse: Fernand Cadieux
children: Paul (1954), Thomas (1956)
Present adresse: 15 Belvedere Crescent, Ottawa 2, Ontario.
Telephone numbers: Residence: 745-1697
Office: 996-2735
Present employment: Government of Canada, Department of the
Secretary of State, Director, Social
Action Branch.

2. STUDIES

Elementary and secondary: 1933-44: Pensionnat des Dames Ursulines,
Shawinigan, Que.
Immatriculation June 1944.
1944-47: Collège Marie de l'Incarnation,
Trois-Rivières, Que.
B.A. (Laval University) 1947.
University: 1951-53: School of Social Work, University
of Montreal.
M.S.W. 1955.
1952-54: Group Work courses and field
placement, McGill University
School of Social Work.
1956-57: School of Applied Social Sciences
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio. Doctoral programme.
Certificate in Advanced studies in
Social Work, 1957.

3. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1947-51: National president of the Youth Movement: Jeunesse Etudiante Catholique.
- 1948-51: (summers) Director of "Les Villages Etudiants Nationaux" (Training camp for students leaders).
- 1952: (summer) Survey of Youth Camping in the Province of Quebec for "La Fédération des Mouvements de Jeunesse du Québec". Report published "Les Camps de jeunesse dans la province de Québec", 1952.
- 1953-54: Allan Memorial Institute of Psychiatry of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Social Work department: responsible of group work with mental patients.
- 1957-60: City of Montreal, City Planning Department - Jeanne Mance Housing Project - Community worker with the population residing in the area. Responsible for a study of the factors motivating the eligible families to move out of the area.
- 1961 (Jan. - July): Negro Community Centre, Montreal. Social Group Worker.
- 1964-66: Lecturer at the School of Social Work of the University of Montreal on "Social Group Work, Theory and Methods".
- 1962-72: Department of Citizenship and Immigration, since changed for Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State.
- 1962-70: Field officer - Montreal
- May 1970 - Nov. 72: Assistant Director (Operations).
- 1972...: Department of the Secretary of State, Director, Social Action Branch.

4. PARA-PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1953-54: Responsible of a Radio Program for parents, joint collaboration between l'Ecole des Parents du Québec and C.B.C. Subject: "Conflicts between teen-agers and their parents".
- 1962-63: Contribution to the Conference organized by "The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews" on "Raising Children of Good Will" - 1962 as a panelist - 1963 as responsible of planning committee.
- 1965: Member of a Committee planning courses for the unemployed under the auspices of "Le Service d'Education des Adultes" de la Commission des Ecoles Catholiques de Montréal" and the Department of Education of the province of Quebec.
- 1965-66- Member of the Board of the Y.W.C.A. of
67: Montreal.
- 1966: Member of the Board of "La Fédération des Femmes du Québec" and president of its Program Committee.
- 1965-67: Chairman of a committee set up by the "Institut Canadien d'Education des Adultes" on "The use of films in Adult Education".
- 1967-68- President of "La Fédération des Femmes du
69: Québec".
- 1969-70: Chairman, International Relations Committee of the Montreal Council of Women and delegate of this committee to the United Nations Association (Montreal Branch).
- Sept.69- Member of the Canadian Delegation to the 24th
Dec.69: Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Official Delegate to the third Committee dealing with Social, Cultural and Humanitarian questions.
- Sept.72: Delegate of Canada to the XVth General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference of Women, in Washington DC.