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Marvin Gelber to Lead Delegation to Ecosoc

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced that Mr. Marvin Gelber (biographical note attached) will lead the Canadian Delegation at the 43rd Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, to be held in Geneva from July 11 to August 5, 1967. The alternate representatives will be Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle, Permanent Representative-designate of Canada to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva, and Mr. John O. Parry, Deputy Head of the United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs. The Delegation will also include advisers from Ottawa and from the Permanent Missions of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva and New York.

The Economic and Social Council is the principal body through which the United Nations Organization endeavours to promote higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress. The forthcoming session will concentrate on a number of items directly related to the economic development of the developing countries, including a review of international economic policy, multilateral food aid, the external financing of the economic development of developing countries and the reports of the Industrial Development Board and of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme. In the social field, the Council will consider, among other things, reports from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Executive Board of UNICEF. Major new items coming before the Council include a comprehensive study of the development and utilization of human resources in the developing countries and proposals relating to an increase in the production and use of edible protein.

Canada's current three year term on the 27-member Council will end on December 31, 1967. Canada has served three previous terms on the Council, since its inception in 1946.

MR. MARVIN GELBER

Mr. Marvin Gelber was born on November 1, 1912, in Toronto, and was educated at Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto, from which he received a B.A. in economics and political science.

He served with the Canadian Army during World War II, and was released with the rank of lieutenant. Mr. Gelber, who is an executive in Toronto with a continuing interest in international affairs, has also been National President of the United Nations Association in Canada, Chairman of the Executive Board of the National UNICEF Committee, and is a member of the National Executive of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. He is one of the Directors of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Mr. Gelber was elected to the House of Commons for the riding of York-South in 1963, and was a Member of Parliament until 1965. Mr. Gelber was Canada's representative on the Economic Committee of the Economic and Social Council in 1965, attending both the 38th session in New York and the 39th session in Geneva that year.