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CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON THE EXPLORATION AND PEACEFUL
USES OF OUTER SPACE ANNOUNCED

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of the Canadian delegation to attend the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space being held in Vienna, Austria, August 14-27, 1968.

The delegation will be headed by the Canadian Ambassador to Austria, Mr. J.A. McCordick and will include senior representatives of the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources, Transport, and Industry, the National Research Council and the Science Secretariat of the Privy Council. In addition, Dr. Philip Lapp of SPAR Aerospace Products of Toronto and Dr. Balfour W. Currie, Dean of Graduate Studies of the University of Saskatchewan, will attend the Conference as delegates and will present papers which they have prepared on the "Benefits to Canadian Industry through Participation in Space Activities" and "Space Activities in Canadian Universities" respectively. A senior member of the Canadian

Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Spencer Moore, International Liaison Officer, will also attend the Conference as an adviser to the Canadian delegation.

As some of the thematic sessions on the Conference agenda - for example, the Uses of Satellites for Communications Resource Surveys, Navigation, Meteorology, Industrial Applications of Space Technology, and the Impact of Space Activities on Education - are of interest to provincial governments, the Federal Government extended an invitation to the provinces to send observers as part of the Canadian delegation. In response to this invitation, three such observers have been named. The Province of Quebec will be sending two experts in the field of Education and Communications, Mr. Germain Gauthier and Mr. Jacques Gauthier respectively. The Province of Ontario has named Mr. Peter Bowers of the Department of Education to accompany the other members of the Canadian delegation.

The objectives of the Conference are the following:

(a) An examination of the practical benefits to be derived from space research and exploration on the basis of technical and scientific achievements and the extent to which non-space powers, especially the developing countries, may enjoy these benefits, particularly in terms of education and development;

(b) An examination of the opportunities available to non-space powers for international cooperation in space activities, taking into account the extent to which the United Nations may play a role.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, U. Thant, commended the General Assembly's (1966) decision to hold the Conference as "a major step toward bridging the ever-widening gap between the space powers and the

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non-space powers, particularly the developing countries" and he expressed the hope that "the United Nations will be able to ensure that the exploration and use of outer space shall be a growing point of cooperation rather than a new area of conflict and mistrust".

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