

ENGLISH SECTION

Youth Commission Urges Health Program For All

A "comprehensive health program" covering all Canadian citizens is the first of four recommendations in a report on youth and health adopted by the Canadian Youth Commission under the chairmanship of Sidney E. Smith, president of the University of Toronto.

The recommendation states that the program "would include prevention as well as cure and take account not only of disease and disturbance in the individual, but of how we may create the kind of social conditions which are essential to physical and mental health."

Other recommendations include the creation of a research body "to inquire into all matters bearing on public health and welfare", and the "eventual setting forth of a five-year plan of experiment and research."

The 93-page report was prepared for the commission by a committee headed by G. Brock Chisholm, deputy minister of health in the Dominion government, and a member of the commission.

EDITORIAL

Summertime is here again! That means a lot of fun, fresh air, and relaxation for those who are fortunate enough to get out in the country, but for the others it only means working all the harder in the sultry heat. Anyway, school is out and whether you are in the city or not you have at least one consolation — you won't have to study.

With so many young people leaving the city for the summer there will be less club work and social activities carried on. During the past year, it seems there was more activity among our Lithuanian young people than at any time I know. Not to mention the extensive participation in many youth projects at the time the Toronto Liths staged a couple of plays of their own and formed a new political club (Club 160). And even Montreal formed a club and sent in very good reports of their activities. More power to you, Montreal.

Although the members of the youth organizations are going through a continual change they still manage to attain their goals. By that I mean that the older members are dropping out and new ones are coming in which makes it more difficult to carry on than if the same members remained in the club for many years. The English Section has tried to be of as much assistance as possible to the work of the various groups and to give full coverage to any activities. It is your medium of expression and everyone is requested to write in his opinions.

During the summer months of July and August there will be no edition of the English Section but starting in September we will be able to come back with full force. Until then, a happy vacation to all the readers.

The report is the fourth in a series prepared for the Canadian Youth Commission and will be published in book form by the Ryerson Press, of Toronto, this month.

Report Quotes 68 Briefs

The report quotes extensively from a brief submitted by the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Internes, and from 67 other briefs submitted by non-professional youth groups representing schools, colleges and other youth organizations.

Both the medical students association and a majority of the youth groups recommend a national health insurance scheme enacted by the federal government.

The medical student report representing the views of students in nine leading Canadian medical schools, noted that "medically speaking we are a C-3 nation." The report then presented 13 principles led by a recommendation for a national health insurance plan to cover all citizens.

Will Require Co-operation

The youth commission states that the program recommended "will require co-operative action at the national, provincial and local community levels of all government departments and private bodies concerned with the improvement of the general welfare."

"Since overall planning and action both depend upon the progress of medical and social research," the commission continues, "it is recommended that, under appropriate auspices, a continuing research body be constituted constantly to inquire into all matters bearing on public health and welfare, and to publicize their findings; due regard being taken of the work now being done by the National Research Council and other existing research bodies, and by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, etc."

"The positive conception of health herein advocated demands the active partnership of many professional groups," the commission states in its third recommendation, "accordingly it is recommended that leaders in all the sciences, disciplines, and professions that bear on the health and welfare of man be invited to co-operate under the auspices of some suitable public body."

Such a public body, the report says would further:

- (1). The emergence of a well-integrated body of verified knowledge drawn from all the sciences that bear on the health and welfare of man;

- (2). The eventual setting forth of a five-year plan of experiment and research;

- (3). The calling of a national conference to bring together all the available knowledge respecting human development and the needs and resources appropriate to each of its stages; and to discuss the implications of such knowledge for theory, for teaching, for private practice and public policy."



A scene from the tragedy of housing in Toronto. When police and sheriff's officers evicted James P. Anderson and his family from their home in Toronto, their furniture was piled in the street. Neighbors volunteered to store it until they found a home. Arrested by police, Anderson was later released on \$1,000 bail. Anderson moved into the house he owned, refused to obey a court order to leave obtained by his tenants. Three hours after Anderson, father of five children, was taken away, he was released on bail. Here is the scene as Anderson greeted his wife on neighbor's lawn. His children are about him.

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Two Months in the USSR

By Edwin S. Smith
Vice-chairman and director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

I spent two months in the Soviet Union, the days and weeks of which were very rich in a variety of experiences. I am leaving the Soviet Union with the firm conviction that the cultural life of this country is full of all sorts of important achievements with which it is of the greatest importance for Americans to be acquainted. In my country we simply have no idea of the amount

of high type cultural material which is being produced in the Soviet Union.

We in America have heard of the splendid productions of the opera, ballet, and the theater in Moscow. Having been privileged to see these offerings, I am glad to report that their high reputation is fully deserved. But I would like to say something about the splendid cultural work which is being done in

government;

- (2). That in order to foster lay-professional co-operation, health and welfare authorities assume responsibility for disseminating the basic and current information necessary to equip citizens for intelligent action;

- (3). That lay groups and the public generally be invited to discuss proposals which are under consideration by governments, and to present their views with regard to them;

- (4). That private citizens be urged to study the problems, resources and health needs of their own communities, and to initiate action with a view to bringing about whatever improvements seem necessary;

- (5). That in all of the above, the participation of young people especially be encouraged. As newcomers into public life, youth form the group most ready to accept the implications of a positive approach to health and to work for their realization."

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Needs Understanding Of Public

In its final group of recommendations the commission touches upon the general public and states: "advance along the lines advocated in this report and in the above proposals is dependent upon public understanding and support." Accordingly it recommends:

- (1). That lay citizens be drawn into partnership with professional in the fields of planning and action through agencies such as advisory committees at all levels of

the Republics other than the Russian SFSR where I have been.

Most Americans are unaware of the great quantity and very high quality of artistic work being carried on in the Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan where I have been, as well as in numerous other Republics which time did not permit my visiting.

Let me mention Armenia as an example. Here is a Republic of some million and half people which most Americans are accustomed to think of as an impoverished country for whose people the Americans have long felt sympathy but about whom, frankly, we know almost nothing. Erevan is a modern city with fine public buildings and modern dwelling houses. Armenian culture is flourishing. In addition to 38 State theaters, there are symphony orchestras, a string quartet which plays in eight cities, and ensembles which perform popular music and native dances. Since the establishment of the Soviet Union some 30 operas by Armenian composers have been performed. This is in striking contrast to America, where with a population of more than a hundred million, not more than three or four operas by Americans have been performed in the same period of time.

The extent to which culture is brought to the people even in the most remote districts is a tribute to the civilizing influence of the Soviet way of life. Imagine, for example, workers on a collective farm having the opportunity to see leading actors perform in their own village the plays of Shakespeare and Goldoni. This is not a dream but actually happens in the Soviet Republics.

Soviet audiences are the most enthusiastic I have ever seen. A country in which the young people after a performance of Othello rush to the front of the theater to applaud the actors again and again, is surely far advanced.

Nor will Americans fail to be impressed by the fact that the Soviet system of education encourages every talented person in cultural fields to receive full training for a professional career, and insures him adequate economic compensation once he has become an artist.

It is important for Americans to learn these facts because it will increase American respect for the Soviet Union and assist in the development of those political and economic ties which are so necessary for the peace and economic development of both countries and the whole world.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has committees in all important cultural fields under the chairmanship of distinguished Americans — for example, Serge Koussevitzky for music, Margaret Webster for the theatre, Paul Manchip for art. These committees are determined to increase the exchange of cultural information with the Soviet Union and are looking forward eagerly to the time when Soviet musicians, ballets, and plays will come to America and distinguished American artists of all

sorts and American productions of the theater and dance will go to the Soviet Union.

In addition to its cultural committees, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship is working in every way for American-Soviet understanding. Our public meetings have been addressed by Cabinet members, by Senators and by prominent Americans in many fields. Both the late President Roosevelt and President Truman sent messages of encouragement to our organization for its work.

As a final word, I should like to mention an interesting experience which I had in war-devastated Stalingrad. Here I attended an excellent circus, heard the people gasp at the daring of the acrobats and laugh with delighted appreciation at the antics of the clowns. If the Stalingrad people can relax and laugh at a circus after all they have suffered, surely this is an infallible sign of the spirit of the Soviet people — their ability to face the future with confidence and hope and to conquer the problems of the postwar world as definitely and completely as the USSR defeated the power of the Nazi beasts who sought to destroy its civilization.

Canadian Youth to Be Represented On World Youth Body

TORONTO. — Jessie Storrie, Organizational Secretary for the National Federation of Labor Youth, has been asked to act in a full-time capacity on the staff of the World Federation of Democratic Youth in Paris, France. She will be the head of the Bureau working for the Consolidation of Peace.

Miss Storrie, a prominent Canadian youth leader, was a delegate from the National Federation of Labor Youth to the World Youth Conference held last November in London, England. This Conference was attended by young people from 64 countries, and resulted in the setting up of the World Federation of Democratic Youth. Since her return from the World Youth Conference, Miss Storrie has been very active in promoting world youth co-operation, through travelling, and speaking to various youth clubs in Canada.

Holiday Dollars

To show more clearly what American tourists mean to Canada not only in terms of friendship and mutual understanding but in dollars and cents the Dominion Bureau of Statistics recently issued some figures on the amount of tourist expenditures in 1945.

Travellers and visitors from the United States spent more than \$164,000,000 last year in this country. This was almost twice as much as Canadian tourists spent in the United States in the same period (80,000,000).

In connection with the coming tourist season the Canadian Government and the various Provinces are conducting a vigorous ad-

Ye Old Gossippe Shoppe

by You and Me

One starts and others follow. Somehow this had never grown old-marriage!

July is the month Jean Benulis has chosen, while Mary Thomas has the fall in mind.

Two weeks ago a shower was held at the hall for Stephanie Minnett. One day soon both Stephanie and Peter Morikis will be giving up their freedom.

What has Renee Pazero been doing with herself lately? Are the exams keeping you busy Renee or are you majoring in another subject?

The Dark Mystery solved! The blond haired darkie seen around lately is John Grube. Ah, the life — just baking in the sun with only a thought given to work, and the rest to women. Girls take note! To add further to our male population Ziggy Degutis is now living in Toronto. We hope you never regret making this decision Zig, AND brother Morris will be back in "civies" sometime this August. We rather like the idea of being able to see these boys more often.

In town for a visit was Mr. and Mrs. Shesnick (Jennie Zaladonis to you). At least Jennie hasn't forgotten the old place and we hope she misses us as much as we do her.

Congratulations and good luck to Mrs. Alfred Fischer in their new adventure. Up until June 15th Mrs. Fischer was our Vera Thomas, well known for that Thomas laugh. Saturday afternoon Vera, every bit the lovely and sweet looking bride, took vows at St. Matthias church.

The maid of honour was Helen Batulis, bridesmaids, Jean Savickas and Julia Margelis. Ushers, Matthew Thomas and Elmo Fischer. Vera and Al left the same night for Detroit leaving the celebrating guests still celebrating.

vertising campaign which would reveal to Americans the many attractions to be found in Canada and which urge the Canadian people to be good and gracious hosts to these guests of our country.

Užkvietimas

PORTLAND, Ore. — Brangūs kanadiečiai. Yra gera proga jums aplankyti Oregoną, nes liepos (July) 7 dieną įvyks LDS 106 kuopos piknikas ant draugu F. Ulskių ūkio, Oregon City, Ore., tikslai 15 mylių nuo Portlando.

Taigi, draugai, susiorganizuokite keletas mašinu ir atvykite į Oregoną ant mūsų lietuvių pikniko. Vaziuodami užvažiuokite pas mus, o mes lauksime.

Viso geriausio visiems.

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(Portland yra arčiausia vancouveriečiams, nes jis Vancouverio į Portlandą yra apie 337 mylias. Kitų vietų kanadiečiams nebeįmanoma pasiekti. — Red.)

