



Miss Gloria Nagy, Belleville telephone operator, is the new Canadian So-Ed Queen for 1965, winning the honor at the national So-Ed conference held over the May 24th weekend at Orillia. It is the second time in a row that a Belleville girl has won the honor, last year's winner being Janet McLean of Rednersville.

## Gloria Nagy of Foxboro Named Miss Canada So-Ed At Orillia Conference

For the second year in a row Belleville's Young Adult organization "So-Ed" has been honored to have Miss Canada So-Ed chosen from its club. This past weekend Gloria Nagy, a 19-year-old resident of the Foxboro area came first place in a Nationwide contest which was one segment of the 1965 National Young Adult Conference, held at the Canadian Conference Centre at the YMCA-owned Geneva Park situated on Beautiful Lake Couchiching just north of Orillia, Ontario. Ninety-five Young Adults representing So-Ed and Social Educational Clubs across Canada gathered for this long weekend conference consisting of workshops, social and leisurely events.

mation and computerization. It was noted that the rate of present jobs available may not decrease too fast, although they may remain at the same level for years to come and that the new Canadian work force now being born may have to choose new lines of endeavor, perhaps those created by automation and computerization.

Gloria, chosen this past month to represent Belleville, competed in the contest which had representatives from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Brandon, Toronto, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Hamilton, Peterborough, Brockville and Moncton, N.B. Eleven from the Belleville area also participated. Delegates from outside Ontario were brought in on a two thousand dollar grant from the Centennial Commission in Ottawa. The complete organization of this weekend including the travel grant and workshops was done by the National Social Education Committee of Canada a non-profit, voluntary group made up of representatives from So-Ed Clubs and Young Adult clubs affiliated with the YMCA across Canada. Colin Wilcox, Rednersville road resident is National Publicity and Extension Chairman for this organization.

### AUTOMATION DISCUSSED

Mr. Tom H. Proctor, recognized authority on 'Communication', who has created and presented his courses in effective speaking, sales training and business English, from the Toronto area, introduced the topic 'Cybernetics' for workshop discussion. Cybernetics is the comparison of man against machine, an increasing concern because of automation by computer and complex machines, the effects being loss of jobs or the need for re-training and most apparent, more leisure time. Problems will arise from this inevitable change and workshops on "The effect of Cybernation on my life's work", "Its effect on my leisure time" and "How can I prepare myself for the impact of Cybernation" were responded to by everyone in attendance.

From the discussions which took place, all agreed that each of us sometime in our lifetime may have to re-train ourselves either because our job may be replaced by a computer machine or the pace of technical knowledge will demand it. It was felt that people will change jobs more frequently because of a number of factors and that within the next decade a tremendous rate of automation will take place in the rural areas, more so than in the cities.

It was thought that, although the problem of Cybernation will revolutionize the industry and working force of the United States and many other countries, Canada, because of its expanse of underdeveloped natural resources and low population, will not feel the full force of auto-

### MORE LEISURE TIME

Perhaps the most important aspect of Cybernation will be more leisure time. It was felt that perhaps we will only have to be concerned with the psychological aspects of this change, which may only pertain to a small minority. The re-training, not only for the "New" technology but a specific training on how to organize and spend leisure time was unanimous in agreement. More and more, leisure time, because of less working hours and an early retirement will make the 'hobby' a necessity for those seeking to spend those free hours. We will have to prepare our thinking and our jobs for this change not only once but perhaps more times as automation comes about.

On the lighter side of the discussions, "Cybernation for The Nation" was one of the phrases coined at the conference. Despite a serious approach to the topic, some people plainly stated and were so justified, that they were not interested, or they were interested but couldn't see how they would be affected or automation was inevitable and they could do nothing about it.

In Mr. Proctor's closing comments he complimented the members present for their leadership and discussion on the topic which has or will affect the Young Adults in Canada. He cautioned everyone against 'forgetting' Cybernation which he said "will break some day with a deafening bang". He added that "because of the relationship between computers and humans, and the programming of a computer which makes it effective, we Canadians must program ourselves to make our future life effective."