

REPORT FROM U. N. SEMINAR

Separatism Idea Gains Strength
Some Solution Must Be Found

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Because of the support of the local Lions Club we had the privilege of attending the U.N. seminar at the Geneva Port VMCAs camp at Lake Couchiching. Both of us were deeply impressed by what we learned there and we wish to share this experience with you. The following is a series of articles based on the different topics that we discussed there.

The French-Canadian issue Canada definitely faces a grave problem with regard to Quebec. All Canadians we must

not pass off the steady reports of French Canadian agitation which appear in our newspapers. If we do neglect these reports, there are those who will never forget. The French Canadians have fought for ninety-seven years with words for the rights which should be theirs according to the British North America Act. The picture painted by the Canadian government of a Canada free from discrimination is false, and must be made true.

The Anglo-Saxons tend to look down on French Canadians as foreigners even though Canada is described as bi-cultural. Consequently the "Voies of the past year" have occurred. Violence is running out. It seems to be only a myth that Montreal is the second largest French-speaking city in the world for one must know English there in order to live. Economically the French Canadians are deprived, because eighty-three per cent of the population controls only twelve per cent of the industry. The French cannot compete under these conditions and must learn English to acquire a job. It appears to the French that the Canadian government is against them. It sells wheat for the western provinces, yet imports eggs and textiles forcing Quebec to slow down production. The result is that Quebec has a living standard that is twenty-eight per cent lower than the rest of Canada.

We Canadians praise the French culture. We say that it makes our country different from others. There is danger in this, however, for we tend to think of these people as reserve museum pieces, not living people who deserve equal rights.

We must meet the problem with a just solution. A moderate Fr. Canadian, Mr. Balleau, speaking at the Geneva Park Conference stated that "either separation or a looser confederation were the only answers. There can be no solution with

out a constitutional change. The time has come. The idea of separatism seems to frighten many people, while others laugh it off as absurd. It is not something new. Minorities have attained independence many, many times. The men who were attacked as extremists were hailed as heroes when independence was reached. Pierre Bourgeault, president of Rassemblement pour l'Indépendance Nationale, claims that independence is not a solution to the problem; it is an instrument. The separatists don't guarantee success, but want the chance to make their own mistakes for their own cause. These people do not plan to sever relations with Canada. After they have independence the barriers which exist now in Canada will drop and both countries will be better able to face the rest of the world.

The plan still seems rather extreme to us, for if independence occurs, three things could happen. (1) our Canadian nationalism could hold the remaining provinces together. (2) our nationalism could fail, making each province a separate state, or (3) all provinces could be absorbed by the United States. The alternate solution is a looser confederation with provinces having more power. This would give Quebec the power to make French its official language or to put more control of industry into French hands.

The problem is growing more acute. The French are tired of vague promises. The new flag and national anthem cannot prevent a split, indicating that constitutional change is needed. The separatist party which Pierre Bourgeault stands for has doubled its membership in the last six months. Since his ideas have much force in Quebec, it is quite conceivable that he will reach his goal of separation from Canada within the next ten years.

New Books at Library

NEW JUNIOR FICTION — JULY, 1964

- O'Connor: The Making of the Dubbs
- Drury: Glory for Gil
- Barriford: A Show Jumper in the Family
- De Angel: The Goose Girl
- Pilgrim: The First Book of Blackberry Farm
- Wade: Eugene, Why Don't You Paint
- Williams: Fireworks for Semolina Silkweaves
- Brenner: The Five Pennies
- Coff: Bennett Coer's Book of Laughs
- Eastman: Sam and the Firefly
- Eastman: Snow
- Eastman: Go, Dog, Go!
- Dr. Seuss: Hop on Pop
- Dr. Seuss: The Cat in the Hat Comes Back
- Farley: Little Black Goes to the Circus
- Falmer: Do you know what I'm going to do next Sat.?
- Nichols: The Stream That Stood Still
- De La Roche: Portrait of a Dog
- Brand: Nurse Matilda
- Becker: Near-Tragedy at the Waterfall
- Gullot: Maloon Journey
- Stratfield: Igo Goes to Russia
- Nick: The Bouncers
- d'Assally: Prudence and Timothy
- Hobson: Getting Started in Coin Collecting
- Schloot: Junichi, A Boy of Japan
- Joy: Young People of South Asia
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- Briggs: The White Land
- Durrell: Island Zoo
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- Baschke: Creation Still Goes On
- Payne: The Life and Death of Lemis
- Lavine: I Rediscover Russia, 1934-1964
- Stefanson: Discovery
- Grace: Approaching Shakespeare
- Simpson: Waka Up in Europe
- Dolderfield: The Cold Millstones
- Ivans: Reptiles of the World
- Camus: Economic Geography of Canada
- Magnus: King Edward VII
- Williams: The Dog's Ear Book
- Armour: Twisted Tales From Shakespeare
- Geiger: John Dewey
- Krikorian: Contemporary Philosophic Problems
- Ionesco: Four Plays
- Howarth: The Desert King
- Bryant: The Ages of Chivalry
- Denis: On Safari
- Stephan: Watching Wild Life
- Tredell: Blackwater
- Foa: The Blood Rushed to My Pockets
- Waugh: A Family of Islands: History of West Indies
- Smith: The Age of the Yell
- Innes: Harvest of Journeys
- Minsky: Carve Her Name with Pride: Violette Szabo
- Barber: Conversations with Painters
- Lowis: The Honored Society, The Mafia Conspiracy
- Moorehead: Cooper's Creek
- Bennett: Cowan's War
- Shankland: Dardanelles Patrol
- Robertson: The Sand, The Wind & the Sierras
- Hockill: The Art of Leadership
- Huxley: Wild Lives of Africa
- Lewis: Letters to Malcolm, Chiefly on Prayer
- Sevareid: This is Eric Sevareid

NEW ADULT FICTION — JULY, 1964

- O'Neill: The Devil's Profession
- Canus: The Outsider
- Hunt: Across Five Aprils
- Christie: The Mirror Crack'd From Side to Side
- Creeasy: The Sleep
- Johnston: My Brother Jack
- Sharp: Martha, Eric and George
- Armstrong: The Face of a Madonna
- Willcock: The Animal Catchers
- Shonfield: A Man Beside Himself
- Walker: Winter of Madness
- McPherson: Rome 12 Noon
- Caskin: The Ylalt Inheritance
- Johnston: Disaster at Dungeness
- Bell: The Alien
- Boe: Our Fatal Shadows
- Hall: The Volcanoes of San Domingo
- Hartley: The Brickfield
- Anthony: The Games Were Coming
- Pieming: The Spy Who Loved Me
- Campbell: Thorn Apple Tree
- Chandler: Killer in the Rain
- Anthony: The French Bride
- Blake: The Sad Variety
- Woods: Trusted Like the Fox
- Miller: Looking for the General
- Gibert: The Fingerprint
- Murch: Dead Water
- Clary: A Flight of Charlots
- Lee: The Virgin Market
- Ehrlich: Deep Is The Blue
- Seyers: The Lord Peter Omnibus
- Aston: The O'Connors
- O'Neal: The Thirty-Second Day
- Lockridge: Murder Has Its Points
- Callow: The Walls of Jolo
- Hoffenberg: Sow Not In Anger
- Sharnham: The Magician
- Sharp: Something Light
- Altingham: Crime and Mr. Campion
- Carr: In Spite of Thunder
- Hayer: The Third Day
- Macclair: But The Patient Died

Milton Chronic Wing Will Be First in Halton

With the approval by Halton County Council, August 18, of a fifty bed addition to Milton District Hospital, this hospital will become the first in the County to have beds specially designated for chronic care. Present plans call for thirty five chronic care beds and fifteen active treatment beds, to cost approximately \$210,000. A delegation headed by J. M. Ledwith of the Milton Hospital Board, and D. E. McQuig, hospital administrator, presented a brief to Council outlining the need for the additional beds.

Mr. Ledwith explained that the Milton District Hospital has had 100% occupancy for the first half of this year. He stated that at present there are 674 active treatment beds to serve the County's population of 130,000. According to the 33 beds per thousand ratio adopted by the County as a yardstick, there should be 715 beds, he maintained.

While the addition would serve Milton, claimed Mr. Ledwith, "it would also serve the whole County, since many of the chronic cases come from the Halton Centennial Manor, who in turn come from all over the County."

The brief quoted Dr. Nielsen, Chairman of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission, as saying that ultimately each hospital should have its own chronic wing, but at the moment there is no need for further accommodation at the other three County hospitals.

In answer to a question from Lester Whiting, Deputy Reeve of Oakville, Mr. Ledwith replied that in his opinion no campaign for funds would be necessary, since the hospital had a sizeable surplus. While most councillors were sympathetic to the need for chronic care beds, opinions differed sharply on the request for a County grant of \$2,000 per chronic bed, when the present County grant, set by by-law, for active treatment beds is \$4,000.

The \$6000 request per bed is just a way of side stepping our present by-law. Asked by Warden G. Callaghan to express his opinion, Stan Allen, Superintendent of the Halton Centennial Manor, expressed concern for the people the manor has to reject since they are chronically ill. "We have no facilities to look after the chronically ill," he said, furthermore, the active treatment hospitals must turn them away too, as there is no place for them to go". He concluded by stressing the need for chronic patient care.

Approval in principle on the need for, and the grants on, the addition was given by a vote of nineteen to thirteen. Approval of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission will now be sought.

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