

DEGRADATION OF THE GREAT LAKES MAY BE SLOWED DOWN

Pursuant to the Water Quality Agreement signed by Prime Minister Trudeau and President Nixon on April 15, 1972, the International Joint Commission today transmitted its first annual report on the water quality of the Great Lakes to the Governments of Canada and the United States. The Commission at the same time released a 315 page report prepared by its Great Lakes Water Quality Board. The Board's report describes the water quality programs of various state, provincial and federal jurisdictions and observed water quality up to the end of 1972.

On the basis of a limited quantitative evaluation it appeared to the Commission that further degradation of the water quality of the Great Lakes may have now been slowed down in some respects. However, there is not yet a scientific basis to permit a conclusion as to the extent of improvement except in local areas or on some pollutants, such as a reduction in phosphorous loadings. The Commission reaffirmed its 1970 conclusions as to the key role of phosphorous in reducing eutrophication and that the limitation of phosphorous content in detergents provides quick and significant reduction in phosphorous loadings.

The Commission observed that the Ontario municipal waste treatment programs, if funded as scheduled, would meet Canada's obligations of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. The United States obligations

will be met if funding allotments are somewhat larger than those of June 1973 and if the priority policy is continued. The Commission recommended that each Government accelerate the enforcement of industrial waste treatment programs and other measures to achieve the water quality objectives.

With regard to the control of vessel wastes, the Commission recommended that responsible provincial state and federal agencies formulate programs to ensure prompt provision of adequate pump-out facilities for both pleasure craft and commercial vessels and that agreement by the

Governments of the United States and Canada on the problems outlined in its report to assure that the momentum thus far achieved, is increased rather than diminished or lost.

Copies of the Commission's report on progress towards meeting the commitments in the Canada-United States Water Quality Agreement and the report of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board may be obtained from the Commission's offices at: Suite 850, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario. K1P 5H3.

C.W.L. FIELD DAY RACES

Winners in the races at the annual Catholic Women's League Field Day, September 3rd were as follows:

All pre-school children were awarded prize money: 6 and 7 - Carrie Campbell, Cecile and Connie McGuire, Kevin O'Driscoll, Paul Anderson, Mardi Redins; 8-9 - Gail Beauparlant, Cathy Campbell, Kelly McGuire, Ron Speziale, Robert Speziale, Michael Cormier; 10 - Colleen McParland, Lise Cormier, Linda Ross, Brian Hiller, Larry Ross, Randy Krystia; 12-Tina Redins, Shelley Richardson, Cindy Kostecky, Billy Campbell, Lawrence McParland, Steven Anderson.

Wheelbarrow - Laura McParland and Colleen McGrath, Gail McParland and Cathy Campbell, Larry Ross and Mark Campbell, Robbie Mooney and Brent Mills, Cathy Mulligan and Maureen McParland, Cindy Kostecky and Lise Cormier, continued page 12

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