

taking will enable all Canadians to gain an awareness of the cultural heritage of all of Canada's ethnic groups. National Museum of Man

The commission recommended "that the museum receive additional funds to carry out its projects regarding the history, social organizations and folk arts of cultural groups other than the British and French". The government concurs with this recommendation and will fund the following projects to be undertaken by the museum;

- (a) purchase of artifacts representing Canada's ethnic diversity;
- (b) research on the folk arts and music of the various ethnic communities in Canada;
- (c) other museum extension and educational projects designed to reach the public at large.

#### National Film Board

For many years, the Board has been producing versions of some of its films in languages other than English or French for use abroad in co-operation with the Department of External Affairs. The royal commission recommended that the board advertise that it has films in languages other than English and French and make these available for domestic consumption, and also expand its production of films that inform Canadians about one another, including films about the contributions and problems of all our various ethnic groups. The board has indicated that it will not only respond positively to these recommendations, but that it will also survey the cultural communities in order to determine what types of film they would like produced in their ancestral languages.

#### National Library

Although many public libraries in Canada do have collections of books in non-official languages, the supply is well below the demand. The Canadian Library Association has studied the problem and has recommended the creation of a multicultural language and literature centre at the National Library. The Library will embark immediately on a preliminary study leading to the creation of this centre. The centre will administer a program designed to deposit in local libraries books in languages other than English and French. The library will also acquire publications produced by and for non-English, non-French groups in Canada.

#### Public Archives

The Public Archives in Ottawa has relatively few holdings relating to Canada's various cultural groups or their activities. The same is true of most archives across the country. Such material should be collected, since the history of immigration and cultural groups is an integral part of the history of this country.

The Public Archives will be given funds to acquire the records and papers of all the various ethnic organizations and associations which are significant documents of Canadian history.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Interdepartmental Co-ordination

To enable the Citizenship Branch to fulfill its task of implementing the policy proposed in this document, arrangements will be made for co-ordinating the activities of various departments and federal cultural agencies. All the agencies responsible for the programs proposed have agreed to establish an inter-agency coordinating committee, and an interdepartmental committee will be established to undertake an ongoing review of federal government policies and programmes to ensure that they reflect the cultural groups in our society.

### Consultation

The various cultural communities must have an opportunity to influence the decision-making process by a continuing consultative process. A variety of consultative procedures—public conferences, private meetings with group leaders, confidential consultation sessions with specialists, seminars, press analysis, and others—have shown themselves effective, and will be continued and intensified at the local, regional and national levels.

### Federal-Provincial Considerations

The commission addresses six of its recommendations to the provinces. Three of these concern education, two deal with human rights and one calls upon the provinces to support cultural organizations. The growing provincial interest and public action in the field of multiculturalism make it imperative that the two levels of government co-operate. Patchwork programs and jurisdictional confusion will result unless an attempt is made to co-ordinate federal and provincial policies at the ministerial level and good relationships are established between the officials administering the programmes.

Once the results of the culture development research program are available it is proposed that the provinces be invited to participate in a federal-provincial meeting at the senior official level, in preparation for a possible ministerial meeting.

## PART D

### SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC RESPONSE

#### TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN BB IV

##### 1. Recommendation 1

We recommend that any provinces that have not yet enacted fair employment practices, fair accommodation practices, or housing legislation prohibiting discrimination because of race, creed, colour, nationality, ancestry, or place of origin, do so and that this legislation be made binding upon the Crown and its agencies. We further recommend that all provinces make provision for full-time administrators of their human rights legislation. (No. 152)\*

\* (The numbers in brackets refer to the relevant paragraphs in Book IV of the Royal Commission's Report.)