

Antioch weekend approaching

University students from the Maritimes and especially from the Halifax area will be participating in a new kind of experience called an "Antioch Weekend" on March 11th to 13th.

However, as with most "new" things, Antioch is actually very old with hoary roots in places like Antakya, a small town in modern Turkey just north of the Syrian border, close by the Mediterranean

Sea. Few people have heard of it and obscurity is Antakya's contemporary fate. But several thousand years ago, Antakya was an axis of Asia Minor's trade and administration, prize jewel in the Hellenic Crown, and one of the principal metropolitan centres of the Roman Empire. Among her cosmopolitan citizenry, dwelt an obscure, newly-forming sect of the Jewish minority. This tiny group stressed the teach-



ings of a rabbi recently executed in a neighbouring city on charges of sedition.

At that time, Antakya was called 'Antioch' and it was first at Antioch that the disciples of this discredited rabbi were called 'Christians'. The times were difficult for these first Christians and though history records the slow demise of Antioch and the meteoric rise of the Christian religion, the same sense of wonder, the same doubts and problems, the same 'mystery' of experiencing what it means to be called 'Christian', which was the daily struggle of the Antioch group, persists today. And though the face of Christianity has changed immensely over the centuries, the same spirit of newness and adventure pervades the body of those who seek to work out the problems of faith in a common endeavour.

Antioch Weekend is a time for university-age people, chaplains and others to share through prayer, singing, discussion and recreation the trials and joys of working out Christianity. For many it may be their first serious encounter with the realistic and honest difficulties of being and becoming 'Christian'. An Antioch experience offers an integrated, supportive structure, including twelve, twenty-minute talks on key concerns such as grace, prayer, sacraments and the presence of God in our lives. The focus of these talks and following discus-

sions will be the individual's attempt to make sense of personal life experience in the light of traditional Christian witness and formulations.

The Retreat will be held at the Mount St. Vincent Complex, after the initial rendezvous at the Dalhousie SUB on Friday afternoon. The weekend closes with holy communion at which time many people who have been supporting the retreat with their prayers will join the participants. Other people, as far away as Toronto and in other Canadian cities, are also praying for the success of the retreat. Antioch, which is intended primarily for students, has a twin in "Cursillo" which involves older people in the same style of retreat and both of which are involved with other prayer groups and Christian communities in Atlantic Canada and beyond.

This is only the first Antioch for this area and will be followed by other weekends in the future. In origin, the concept is Catholic and maintains a Catholic leadership and flavour. However, participants include many non-Catholics as the Lutheran Campus Chaplain for Halifax is a member of the present planning team. Anyone interested in the possibility of taking part in a future retreat can contact either Fr. Fred Magee or Bill McEwen at the Chaplains Office in the Dalhousie S.U.B.

Prince George School District No. 57 Requires Immediately:

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

This is an itinerant position providing the following services to district schools:

- assessment of speech, language, and hearing problems, and provision of appropriate programs to remedy those problems within the school setting
- provision of liaison between school district personnel, Public Health, physicians, parents and other community agencies.
- provision of in-service training for individual and small groups of teachers and parents who are involved with children having communication disorders.

Candidates should possess a degree in Speech Pathology. Preference will be given to persons holding a teaching certificate.

Required for September, 1977 will be:

SOCIAL WORKERS

These positions involve working with pupils and/or district personnel to bring about improved social and educational functioning of students.

Social workers will receive referrals from parents, school district staff and community agencies and will work with a team of district staff to provide therapy for identified students and their families.

Other duties will include gathering and interpreting pertinent social information, examining symptoms and causes of problems in the school system, and coordinating and evaluating child care workers.

Candidates should have completed a Social Work degree. Preference will be given to persons holding a teaching certificate.

REGIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

The positions involve assisting school personnel, parents and professionals in providing an optional educational program for individual children by recommending and coordinating class placement, program remediation, program enrichment, resource materials and personnel, effective education techniques and parent involvement approaches.

Other duties will include psychological assessment of individual children, recommending appropriate community and provincial resource agencies, and providing instruction to school personnel and parents on topics such as assessment techniques, learning disabilities, and techniques for dealing with exceptional children.

Candidates should hold a graduate degree in school psychology. Preference will be given to candidates with classroom experience and a teaching certificate.

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Human rights

by Nigel Allen

TRURO -- Education Minister George Mitchell has pledged his department to action in human rights. He is particularly concerned with the problem of prejudice in textbooks.

Speaking Feb. 23 at a day-long Human Rights Awareness Seminar organized by Nova Scotia Teachers college, Mitchell said he would maintain funding for the provincial Education Fund for Black Students, and added that there is money in this year's budget for a similar fund

for Metis and non-status Indians.

Biased textbooks

Textbooks which even partially destroy a student's self-respect should not be used in schools, Mitchell said.

Mitchell said texts are "often quite satisfactory" except for perhaps one chapter. A "short-term" solution, he said, was to print a supplement. The education department does not always find it easy to find suitable replacement textbooks with enough Canadian content.