

First Canadian receives Columbia University medal



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Dr. Helen K. Mussallem, executive director of the Canadian Nurses Association, recently became the first Canadian and the first nurse to receive the Teachers College/Columbia University medal for distinguished service. The citation read to Dr. Mussallem (centre) by President Lawrence A. Cremin (right) during the graduate school of education annual commencement convocation in New York City, stated in part, "Nurse and teacher of nurses, your lifelong concern for professionalism in nursing and in the education of nurses has been a powerful influence on Canadian health policies; through your wise counsel, you have advanced the quality of health care throughout the developed world."

Miners seek jobs in Canada

British coal miners are lining up to apply for jobs in Canada. In a recruiting drive to fill 40 jobs in Alberta from the Barnsley area in England, McIntyre Mines Limited of Toronto reported 700 applications.

"We can't believe it. We have had as many people to see us in two days as we expected in three weeks, said William McAdam, the company's assistant general manager.

Because of the flood of applications in Barnsley, McIntyre may call off further recruiting sessions planned for Doncaster, Durham and Nottinghamshire in England.

McIntyre is seeking workers for the Grand Cache area in the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains in northwestern Alberta.

A spokesman for the Canadian High Commission's immigration division said another company may also be planning to recruit mine workers in Britain. "To a certain extent, we have a shortage of miners in Canada," the spokesman said. "There tend to be shortages in isolated areas."

Students welcomed

The University of British Columbia's (UBC) International House provides a year-round opportunity for Canadians to explore places like Nigeria, Indonesia or Denmark without ever leaving the comfort of their living rooms.

This summer workers at International House are attempting to introduce Canadians to some 300 students from other countries, who are expected to begin their studies this September at UBC in Vancouver.

The new students, who are mostly graduate students, have little idea of what the university or the city is like, what the climate is like, or the people are like, and most do not have any contacts in the Vancouver area.

"Once they've been accepted, International House sends them a package of material that we've put together explaining what to expect in Vancouver. And they get an impersonal letter," explained Saf Bokhari, program co-ordinator for International House. "But we'd like to introduce them to people who live here

before they come."

The reception and orientation program provides a Vancouver person wanting to meet an overseas student with information about the new student. This person then writes the new student explaining details about Canada, Vancouver, the university, living conditions or any other relevant information. If possible the Vancouverite will also meet the newcomer on his arrival and will offer assistance in finding accommodation.

From mid-August to mid-September, International House will set up a booth at the Vancouver airport to greet overseas students. A personal Canadian contact has been arranged for about 200 of the 300 expected students.

Youth group aids Third World

Thousands of young Canadians have become active in a national organization aimed at increasing their awareness of the needs of the Third World, reports Guy Gervais in *Action* 1979.

The organization, Jeunesse du Monde, celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year, was founded for missionary purposes and has since developed into a broadly-based educational movement for co-operation with the Third World.

More than 200 Jeunes du Monde clubs unite, through pastoral work, franco-phone primary and secondary school students from Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick to work with various agencies such as Development and Peace, Help for the Leper, Rallye Tiers-Monde, Oxfam and Amnesty International.

The clubs provide information on a continuous basis through weekly meetings, projects, trips and exhibitions — activities designed to develop attitudes in young people which they will retain after they have left school.

The year's activities centre around a theme set by each school and are based on four fundamental objectives: the fight against racism, international peace, justice for all peoples and evangelization.

This year, as an exception, Jeunesse du Monde has proposed that its members draft a charter of young people's rights; points of comparison between Canada and Third World countries will be studied under the theme "the rights of young people in society".

Jeunesse du Monde's director, Joseph Foucher says that while the organiza-