

Of Colleges and Classrooms

Canada has five universities in which French is the language of the classrooms.

Québec's system of public education was revolutionized and greatly expanded in the middle sixties, when a network of CEGEPs was established. Youngsters attend these *collèges d'enseignement général et professionnel* for three years and they graduate with, in effect, a college diploma but not with a bachelor's degree. They may then go on to the one of the Province's four universities — Laval in Québec City, the University of Montréal, the University of Sherbrooke or the University of Québec, which has several campuses, the largest in Montréal. The CEGEPs are free and, generally speaking, a student may attend one while living at home.

The fifth French-language university is the University of Moncton, in New Brunswick.

Two Ontario universities are bilingual, Ottawa and Laurentian U. — up to half the courses are in French. Many universities where English is the principle tongue have colleges within their structures where instruction is in both languages: Glandon College at York University, for example, the College of St. Jacques at the University of Manitoba, St. Boniface at the University of Winnipeg, and the College of St. Jean at the University of Alberta.

Universities and colleges which do not have bilingual programs still give a special emphasis to the French language and the French Department is invariably the largest language department in the institution. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is preparing a review called *Canadian Studies in Canada and Abroad* which includes information on French and bilingual programs. It should be ready in January and may be obtained by writing to the Association at 151 Slater St., Ottawa, K1P 5N1.

Eleven Days in August

For eleven days this past August, 1800 French-speaking youths from twenty-six countries came together in Québec City when the Agence de Corporation Culturelle et Techniques held its First International Youth Festival. They performed in, and watched, six hundred presentations of the panorama of French culture. They came from Viet Nam, Laos, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Tunisia, Liberia and more than a dozen other places. The next super Franco-fête will be held in 1977 at a site yet to be decided.

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