

JUNIOR RED CROSS CONFERENCE

Some 200 delegates from 41 countries arrived on August 11 at the University of Toronto to begin a 12-day Junior Red Cross international study conference. They came from all parts of Canada where each had spent one week as the guest of a Canadian family.

The Red Cross junior study centre, designed to strengthen friendship among the youth of the world, also marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Red Cross and the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS

Prime Minister Diefenbaker welcomed the delegates in an address on August 12 at Convocation Hall. He recalled that the Conference represented the largest youth organization in the world with 55 million members in 72 countries.

Mr. Diefenbaker said in part:

"The Red Cross has shown that nations can work together for the benefit of each and all. What the Red Cross has done gives hope that all the nations can be persuaded in a like spirit of co-operation to be their brother's keeper irrespective of colour, race or religion, to unite in peace and for peace to remove economic inequities which are the basic causes of human suffering, and thereby raise living standards and give new hope to hundreds of millions of human beings who regard abject poverty as inevitable and eternal...."

"Furthermore, advances in medical science have brought about tremendous increases in population.... Such increases in population constitute an added challenge to mankind for men everywhere are demanding new living standards, greater equality of opportunity and the hope of better things.... It is under these circumstances that the battle for the minds of men is taking place between those who believe in freedom under law, and those who contend that Communism is the hope of mankind...."

"We who believe in Capitalism know that it has errors and shortcomings, as do all things human, but we claim that it has raised the material condition of men and has provided economic well-being unequalled by any other system, with the state protecting the individual against exploitation and unfairness. Canada is a capitalistic country in that it owes its progress to capitalistic principles.

"The principles of Capitalism have been misinterpreted and distorted by Communist propagandists.... Such misinterpretations and misunderstandings need to be answered by a clear and unequivocal statement of the aims, purposes and practice of Democracy under the Capitalistic system.

"Communists in the world competition of ideals know where they stand and set forth

their views in printed word and speech; the Capitalist world can do no less.... The Capitalist world should, in my view, make a uniform and conscientious effort to make available books and periodicals which give a fair and objective picture of Capitalism and its benefits -- otherwise the contest for the minds of men may go by default, as the only literature available in many uncommitted countries is highly organized Communist propaganda available in every book-store in every major language.

"To meet the aggressive propaganda of the Communist world, the Western world needs a truthful and aggressive salesmanship of its ideas and its ideals...."

ENTERTAINMENT

Delegates attended an evening performance of "As You Like It" at Stratford. They also visited Niagara Falls and saw a base-ball match.

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WASHINGTON APPOINTMENT

Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced the appointment of Mr. Maurice Schwarzmann as Minister-Counsellor (Economic) to the Canadian Embassy at Washington. Mr. Schwarzmann, at present Director of the Department's International Trade Relations Branch, will take up his new duties early in October.

Mr. Schwarzmann joined the International Trade Relations Branch in 1949. In 1953 he was appointed Chief, European and Latin American Section. He became Assistant Director of the Branch two years later, Acting Director in 1957 and Director on January 1, 1958. He has taken part in a number of international trade conferences and negotiations, including GATT sessions and the 1958 Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference. In 1958 and 1959 he headed the Canadian Delegations to the GATT sessions.

Mr. Schwarzmann was born in 1920. He received his early education in England and France and graduated from the University of Toronto with the degrees of B.A. (Honours) in 1948 and M.A. in 1950.

During the Second World War he served with the Canadian Army (Intelligence Corps) from 1943-46 in the United Kingdom and The Netherlands.

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PRINCESS IN VICTORIA

Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra of Kent, paid a brief visit to Victoria, British Columbia, from August 8 - 11, when she was the guest of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Frank Ross. The Princess was en route to Australia by BOAC jet plane.