

There are many aspects to education. One of the most important benefits from your sojourn abroad will be the enrichment that you yourself receive from this experience. When you return to Canada you will have many opportunities to put your experience to valuable use here. You will be able to stimulate your classrooms and your communities by bringing to them a greater awareness of internationalism.

I hope that many of you will consider joining the Canadian Foreign Service upon your return. You will have had an ideal training in practical experience which will stand you in good stead to serve in our Foreign Service. I encourage you to think very seriously about the wonderful opportunities which are open for you to serve Canada abroad.

The other day I was reading an interesting article in Foreign Affairs by Sargent Shriver, the Director of the American Peace Corps. While I am aware of some of the differences between CUSO and the Peace Corps nevertheless you share the same basic idea. Mr. Shriver described the influence of the Peace Corps in an impressive analogy which I think can be applied to Canada as well. He referred to the expanding rings of a stone thrown into a pond -- the inner ring representing the most immediate effect of your work; the accomplishment in social and economic development abroad. The second ring represents the influence upon our own society and the creation of a greater sense of participation in world events which you will bring to people in Canada. The third ring, perhaps the hardest to make out clearly is the effect of this kind of international service upon our own sense of national purpose. Mr. Shriver concluded his article with a quotation which describes succinctly both the essence of your objectives as well as a most important factor to always