

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- 1 - Mrs. Forbes
 - A Women's Bureau attached to the Department of Labour of B.C. was established in Victoria a year ago.
 - The existing day nurseries in Victoria are a "pilot project" for a province-wide programme.
 - The family planning centres in Victoria are not sponsored by the government.
 - Voluntary organizations are worthwhile if they do not make women lose sight of gainful employment.
- 2 - Lilian Dickson
 - In the detention home where this woman is employed, when women are on call all night they do not receive extra remuneration.
- 3 - Mrs. Kay Dickson
 - This woman belongs to the low income group. It is her opinion the Commission is not hearing from this group. She believes that welfare agencies should educate the people who are on welfare. Education and retraining programmes would enable them to break away from their inferior status. One Commissioner asked how the Commission could reach the people from lower income groups. Mrs. Dickson answered that they should be trained in public speaking to enable them to speak out to the world about their particular problems. One Commissioner mentioned that the low income groups were reaching the Commission via the open line. Welfare payments should be increased to raise the standard of living. Mrs. Dickson stated that the "Greater Victoria Low Income Group" had presented a brief to the Government of British Columbia and undertook to provide a copy to the Commission.
- 4 - One speaker mentioned that changes are needed in the Citizenship and Immigration laws. For example, several pages in the form that a landed immigrant has to fill apply to the status of men,

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