

EDUCATION AND WORLD CRISIS

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"In the non-military phase of the world struggle, education is a major counter. Democracy safeguards the free flow of ideas. The open mind and the open society are deadly foes. As universities nourish open minds, they are on the front line of the current battle for the defence of freedom.

NEW DIMENSION FOR EDUCATION

"Education has thus acquired a new dimension in the international arena; it has become an instrument of world politics. Russia and China are employing science and technology as major weapons in the quest for world power. They, too, will have to employ science and technology on a very large scale, and the universities must be leaders in this vital task. Free societies must not allow themselves to be overtaken and outmatched.

"National growth is becoming more and more dependent upon the education of Canadian citizens. On the economic side, as production becomes more and more technical, more and more skill is required from the producer, and the unskilled are supplanted progressively by machines. It is more than coincidence that persons with only elementary education are more likely to be out of work than those who have been fully trained for their life's work, and that one-fifth of Canada's unemployed are persons in their teens. As Canadian business faces the demand to show increasing versatility, it faces an increasing need to find 'broad-gauge men', people who have been taught to apply themselves to new and unprecedented situations in a world of change. These are the kinds of persons universities specialize in producing.

"The universities of Canada fulfil a major role in helping to prepare those who will be required to give leadership to Canadian industry, and those whose research will help to raise productivity by improvements and innovations in many fields. Education, once regarded by many as a disability for practical men, is now recognized as an essential instrument of continued and healthy national growth."

DESIGN COUNCIL TOY DISPLAY

A display of toys and playthings of Canadian manufacture, approved by the Canadian Toy Testing Council and considered suitable for sale anywhere in the world, opened in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto on November 20. It will continue until December 9. The exhibition in each of the cities selected is being sponsored by the National Design Council, which was created several months ago by the Federal Government to promote good design in all Canadian industrial products.

Mr. George Hees, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, presided at a preview of the display held in the Fuller Building, Ottawa, and officially opened the exhibition in Toronto on November 20, in the "Arcade", on Yonge Street. The Montreal exhibition was opened in the main lobby of the Mount Royal Hotel on November 22 by Mr. John C. Parking, of Toronto, Chairman of the National Design Council. It had been thrown open to the public two days earlier.

The purpose of the exhibitions is to draw attention to the design of good toys, all tested to determine whether they are safe, durable, versatile and in working order.

The Canadian Toy Testing Council, a voluntary organization, was created to assist the general public and toy manufacturers by testing toys and furnishing information about playthings on the market. Its members include teachers, specialists in child psychology, therapy, physical fitness and other fields, and representative parents. Samples of toys are obtained through the co-operation of manufacturers, and are subjected to extensive use tests. Toys of good design contribute to the physical, mental and social development of children of all ages.

The display arranged by the National Design Council was prepared in co-operation with the Canadian Toy Testing Council. Those tested and approved are marked with a red star. Eskimo playthings, toys made by children, and historical toys, are on show in the exhibitions. Other items include dolls, tractors and trains, construction sets and log cabins, a climbing frame, jumbo dominoes and colossal checkers.

The National Design Council is planning other exhibitions, which will range from office equipment to kitchen utensils.

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