The emphasis of Commonwealth Day has traditionally been on young people, which in 1985 gains added relevance because of International Youth Year. To help heighten public awareness of the Commonwealth, schools and libraries across the country have been provided with information material to assist them in organizing special projects. For its part, the Commonwealth Secretariat is working closely with the United Nations to develop programs and seminars to bring youth from around the world in closer touch with each other. A major Commonwealth conference of young people is to be held in Ottawa in June. The valuable example the Commonwealth can offer them is one of tolerance and cooperation across racial and religious barriers.

- 30 -