

Immigrant Women, or professional development for race relations representatives of the Toronto Board of Education.

Myths and Facts: The Community Relations Commission in Great Britain produced a flyer which deals with myths and facts about immigration and race relations.

Australia: Qantas Airlines worked in close co-operation with government and communities to develop a comprehensive kit on the diversity of Australia's population.

Efficient: The question arises whether overlap occurs in the production and development of resources, and whether sharing of successful materials and models could not be expedited more efficiently than through catalogues on shelves and by word of mouth.

In Touch: The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association suggested that the government support the creation of a publication which would keep local race relations groups across Canada in touch with one another's activities, problems and successes. The Multiculturalism Directorate currently publishes Cultures in Canada for that purpose. The mailing list should be expanded.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed Ministry of Multiculturalism should establish regional computer-based retrieval systems to act as clearing houses of information, experience and advice.

ASSIST VISIBLE MINORITY AND IMMIGRANT WOMEN

Problems: Few briefs to the Committee dealt with the special needs and concerns of visible minority women and their specific problems of social integration. Frequently, visible minority women are isolated in their homes by the restraints of culture. Because of language and skill deficiencies and discrimination, they may find themselves in exploitative work situations.

Encouraged: The Committee is aware of the recommendations of the Immigrant Women in Canada Conference, sponsored by the Multiculturalism Directorate in 1981. The government departments concerned should begin immediately to alleviate the problems addressed by those recommendations. Visible minority women have not been actively encouraged to participate in the planning of community services, nor are they participating in major women's organizations.

Ottawa: One outstanding model involving immigrant women is Ottawa's Multicultural Women's Centre. The model is being replicated in Vancouver, Oakville, Montreal and Halifax. The centre is a project of the Ottawa-Carleton Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO). The project helps newcomers, immigrants and refugees to adjust. In 1981, with government funding, a Women's Outreach pro-

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