

only \$7.00 a day . . . whilst that for general hospital patients is \$30.00 a day." He also stated that "other important steps required include recognition of emotional disorders before children go to school, combating mental health problems in underprivileged families, more community and family care facilities." Also "older chronic patients who are transferred to nursing homes where there is no expert psychiatric help are heavily tranquilized and become bed patients with a short life expectancy." Vancouver *Sun*, May 31, 1966.

Reader's Digest of February 1966, in an advertisement, said, "There are more than 600,000 mentally retarded in Canada. In fact, one child in every thirty is born mentally retarded."

Health Minister Ralph Loffmark said "... at River-view Mental Institution at Essondale 500 out of 800 patients have suffered acute alcoholism." "Pot Bad, Booze Worse"—Loffmark. Victoria *Daily Times*, June 11, 1969.

RECOMMENDATION

17. That research to find the causes of mental illness be accelerated.

15. DEFECTIVE BIRTHS

UNBORN CHILD—Dr. C. W. Salesby, of Great Britain, an eminent eugenicist, said, "The movement against alcohol is more than a question of reducing drunkenness, preventing accidents, increasing efficiency; it is a question of preserving life from generation to generation." "*Temperance and the Changing Liquor Situation*," by Deets Pickett, Methodist Book Concern, 1934.

Women are warned, "Be especially careful of any drug-taking during pregnancy. The views on drug-taking by pregnant women have changed drastically since the thalidomide disaster of a few years ago." "*Dangerous Drugs You May be Taking*," Family Circle, March, 1967.

"The birth of defective children must be recognized as North America's greatest public health problem," Dr. W. H. Tooley, Director of Newborn services in the Cardiovascular Research Institute, at the University of California Medical Centre in San Francisco, said Monday. "Defectives" Birth "Greatest Problem", *Sun*, January 31, 1967.

RECOMMENDATION

18. That research be done to determine whether or not alcohol affects the unborn child.

RESEARCH—"The Canadian Medical Association says public money in Canada is much more likely to be spent to treat your ills if you are a sick cow than if you are a sick child."

"... The federal government last year spent only 66 cents per capita on medical research while \$1.71 went for agricultural research." Another 85 cents was spent on biological research . . ." "*Sick Cow better Off Than Child*", *Sun*, November 24, 1965.

RECOMMENDATION

19. That consideration be given to "the need for great attention to treatment of the children in the alcoholic's family".

16. EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN—"They've been neglected, abused, often brutalized at home for as long as they can remember. Since they don't vote, have no unions and wouldn't know how to pressure anyone for aid or protection, they are virtually ignored by all levels of government. They are the children of Canada's 250,000 odd alcoholics." Bill Stephenson "*They Learn to Live With Drinking Parents*" Maclean's, June 6, 1966.

"The fourth and perhaps the most important recommendation arising out of this study, concerns the need for great attention to treatment of the children in the alcoholic's family." The fifth recommendation is that more serious consideration should be given to the prevention of alcoholism and family breakdown," said Margaret Cork of the Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto, in "The Forgotten Children".

The Vancouver *Express* of April 4, 1970, reports, "One million children in Canada need treatment and care because they have emotional and learning disorders, says the Commission on Emotional and Learning Disorders in Children." There are 144 recommendations in the report, most of them calling for a change in public attitude."

RECOMMENDATIONS

20. That the Health and Welfare Department be requested to commence a positive campaign to promote physical, mental and emotional well being.