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Fall grads must face 'infinitely stirring' situations says Ward

Graduates at U of A's fall convocation Saturday were told they were entering a "vigorous, strenuous, sometimes difficult and stimulating life of the mind."

Economist Barbara Ward, who was guest speaker and who had received an honorary doctor of laws degree, said, the earth today is characterized by an undeniable physical unity which must be matched by moral, political and social unity.

Miss Ward, wife of Lord Robert Jackson a British navy commander, has written several books on economics and politics in her career of lecturer, author and journalist.

No generation previous to ours has had to face the "infinitely stirring" situations we now face. This is the first time resources have matched the potential for growth, she said.

GREAT TRADITIONS

In order to achieve the realization of our potentialities there are three great traditions we have to follow, she said.

The first is a tradition of unity fostered by "a profound faith and belief that we are the children of a common father."

The second tradition is the "ragging vision of social justice" which has been developing since the Renaissance.

The last tradition is that of hope embodied in a belief that man's life is not without purpose, she said.

A mind trained to reason will be man's most valuable asset in succeeding generations, she said.

In a report to the convocation, Dr. Walter H. Johns, university president, stressed the importance

of planning for the future development of the university.

He said these has been "explosive growth" of the university in recent years. Total enrolment has jumped from 7,147 in 1962 to 13,057 students this year, he stated and the building program will not be able to meet new demands rapidly enough.

As a result, corporate benefactors may be necessary for future

financing and enrolment quotas may also be established soon, he said. This problem will reach "critical proportions in the years ahead".

The importance of education cannot be over-emphasized he said.

After the speeches degrees were conferred on the 880 graduates. The ceremony was finished in two hours and was followed by tea served in Lister Hall.

Cote addresses forum

It's time we stopped blaming the government for the poverty, separateness and grudge of Indians and Eskimos, a government official said Thursday.

"To solve the problem, there must be an effort beyond government to the part of individual Canadian people in Canadian communities," E. A. Cote, deputy minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, told the first meeting of the Law School Forum.

During the past 100 years, the white Canadians "have had some kind of superiority complex as regards the aborigine Indian and Eskimo," he said.

"We looked after our own homes, but in 1964 only 5 per cent of the Indian homes in Canada had electricity. The Indians have been bypassed by the technological revolution."

Mr. Cote added that a home without electricity and other conveniences offers no inducement to continue secondary school studying

for many Indian young people.

But the old situation is changing. Now 95 per cent of Indian children are in school, the federal government is building homes on the reserves in an attempt to raise the standard of living there, and the Indian Act is being revised to give the Indian people more legal rights.

Band councils, which function as municipal councils on 350 of the 550 Indian band reserves, will be given more power as they show signs of being able to handle more governmental duties.

The councils are elective in 350 bands and hereditary in the others. "We would like to see band councils get a legal personality and become sort of development corporations on their own," Mr. Cote said.

Mr. Cote said the Indian peoples will eventually have to move away from their reserves and become individuals functioning in the outside economy and society. "But they will still retain their reserves," he predicted.

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