

### Calgary professor at Educators for World Peace Congress

Dr. John Friesen, associate professor in the University of Calgary department of educational foundations, presented a paper at the International Association of Educators for World Peace (IAEWP) Congress in Bucharest, Romania, July 29-August 2.

Dr. Friesen, National Chancellor of Canada for the IAEWP since 1970, presented a paper entitled "Toward a philosophy of world peace; the role of the individual".

Dr. Friesen believes that war is not essential to man's survival. Through education, world peace can be established by creating a society "that permits and encourages individual discovery, acceptance and development of unique and creative man", he says.

The IAEWP was founded in 1969 by a group of educators and others interested in the achievement of world peace through education. The theme of this first world congress was "education for international understanding".

The participants were educators and politicians from all parts of the world.

### Eskimo art in New York

Twenty-one Eskimo graphics belonging to The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts have gone on display with works from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of the American Indian, both in New York, in an exhibition at The Queens Museum, Flushing, N.Y., from September 28 to November 3.

Formerly known as The Queens Country Art and Cultural Center, The Queens Museum, founded in 1972, has since presented 15 exhibitions.

The Eskimo show is made up essen-

tially of contemporary works.

The Montreal Museum has lent prints by such artists as Pitseolak, Pauta, Niviaksiak, Parr, and Kenojuk. Areas represented include Cape Dorset, Holman, Povungnituk, and Baker Lake; the Metropolitan has lent 21 carvings and the Museum of the American Indian, 27 artifacts, including a kayak; some 60 works have been loaned by private collectors.

### Furniture mission to Europe

An 11-member technical mission sponsored by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, recently visited six European countries to discuss furniture industry policies and programs.

The mission members met with senior officials of government and the industry in the U.S.S.R., Sweden, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia and Britain. Mission members visited furniture manufacturing and display facilities to evaluate the results of the programs and policies introduced by European manufacturers which have contributed to the growth and development of the furniture industry in those countries.

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need new varieties that are better able to withstand these conditions".

### Population studies

Population issues, the report adds, have also been "a major concern since the outset of IDRC operations". During 1973-74 there was a considerable increase in support of studies "that help government leaders and scientists in developing countries gain a broad understanding of the economic, sociological and psychological determinants of fertility behaviour and, through that understanding, formulate more effective population policies and programs".

A large part of the report is taken up with detailed accounts of the progress made in eight particular projects. Among these is the work done by a team of Latin American scientists in designing their own world model as an alternative to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology model that was

popularized in *Limits to Growth*; the studies done in six Asian cities of the important role played by hawkers and vendors in providing cheap food for the poorest sections of the population; and the research being carried out collaboratively in Newfoundland and Upper Volta to find an effective biological means of controlling the blackfly which transmits onchocerciasis, or "African river blindness", in many parts of West Africa.

This section also describes the invention of a script processor that permits Arabic to be transmitted by telecommunications and other machines without losing the quality and subtlety of handwritten script.

During 1973-74 the agricultural program, which claimed 41 per cent of the total funds approved for projects, enlarged its support of research in fisheries and forestry. In fisheries the concentration was upon aquaculture in South and Southeast Asia, while in forestry research has focused upon the improved use of forest products among rural communities of poor tropical countries, mainly in Africa.

### Offices overseas

In line with a basic principle of IDRC that, to the greatest possible extent, research workers in developing countries should take the responsibility for identifying and directing the research, the decentralization of Centre operations was taken further in 1973-74 with the building up of regional offices in Singapore, Bogota and Dakar. These offices are mainly staffed by personnel from the region.

Its staff at the Ottawa headquarters is also drawn from many countries, and in March 1974 Cheikh Hamidou Kane of Senegal, who had been UNICEF regional director in West Africa, was appointed a vice-president.

The IDRC is at present totally financed by appropriations of the Canadian Parliament, and it makes an annual report to Parliament through the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Its 21-member board of governors, which met in Ottawa at the end of September, is headed by Louis Rasminsky as chairman; there are ten other Canadian governors. Among the non-Canadian governors, six are from developing countries. The president of the International Development Research Centre is Dr. W. David Hopper.

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