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2ND TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Increasing demands for higher education in Canada has resulted in a second university for the city of Toronto. The new university which will be called York University College will offer courses in the fall of 1959.

The announcement was made by Air Marshal W.A. Curtis, vice-president of A.V. Roe (Canada) Ltd., who headed a nine-man planning committee.

Alan Clarke, committee secretary, said that the type of courses and location of the new university have not yet been decided. However, application for its charter will be made to the Ontario Legislature next spring.

Although the new university will serve primarily the higher educational needs of York County, Mr. Clarke expects that eventually students from other parts of Canada as well as the Commonwealth will be enrolled.

In order to determine the type of courses and size of the university, a Centre for adult education will open on September 22 at the North Toronto YMCA.

"Public, industrial and commercial reaction to the Centre will determine in part just what type of university we are going to have," Mr. Clarke said.

Initial development of the university, he added, probably will be similar to Ottawa's Carleton University which is now 15 years old:

"Carleton started by holding evening classes in schools, and later started day classes in churches and even private homes. We may very well have to start on the same lines."

A report by the university committee recommended: "Initially it will have to be directed at a particular segment of the community seeking higher education. The committee decided to concentrate in the beginning in providing evening courses in the liberal arts for mature adults desiring a university level education".

Mr. Clarke said it was estimated that the need for another university was greater in York County than any where else in Canada.

Rumors of the announcement, he said, had sparked more than 20 requests for copies of the first prospectus and more than 100 phone calls from interested persons.

About 250 students will be accepted for the fall term of the adult education centre. In every sense, he emphasized, they will be a pilot project toward determining the new university's exact role.

Twelve courses will be started at the centre, a leadership in society, English literature, Canadian history, Canadian economics, contemporary drama philosophy, modern poetry, basic