

Policy "Morally Bankrupt"

By EUGENE F. DERENYI

The New Brunswick Multicultural Council (N.B.M.C.) hosted a conference, held at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, on Saturday, March 21st. The one-day event was organized by Mrs. Mahdu Verma, Chairman of the youth committee of the N.B.M.C. and Denise Ainsworth. The conference served as a forum for youth, between the ages of 15-25, to air their views and concerns regarding issues affecting multiculturalism today.

The day's events began with opening remarks by the Hon. Joseph Mombourquette, Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, and Prof. Constantine Passaris, President of the N.B. Multicultural Council.

The afternoon session consisted of three separate workshops. A workshop on education was moderated by Alok Mukherjee, Race Relations Advisor for the Toronto Board of Education. The

workshop entitled "Education for a Multicultural Society: Are We There Yet?" revealed that students are concerned with the lack of up-to-date school material dealing with multiculturalism.

In another workshop entitled "Multiculturalism and You", Dr. Ibrahim Ghanem, a member of the N.B. Ministerial Advisory Committee on Multiculturalism, explored how youth and the public relate to multiculturalism. Among the concerns raised was the need for more public awareness to foster a greater understanding of our country's multicultural mosaic.

Barbara Trueman, CBC radio Executive Producer, conducted the workshop entitled "Multiculturalism and Media" which generated much discussion. At issue was the media's apparent lack of interest in multicultural related issues and concerns, apart from sensational court cases involving minorities, for example.

During the plenary session

following the workshop, several resolutions were adopted including one calling for one hour per week of multicultural programming on CBC radio. The youth also recommended the formation of a special youth committee within N.B.M.C.

As a close to the day's events, Sergio Marchi, Federal Liberal Opposition Critic for Multiculturalism and Immigration, addressed the youth participants during an evening banquet. He criticized the federal government's current

immigration policy calling it both "morally bankrupt" and "intellectually dishonest". Mr. Marchi called on youth to work to help prevent anti-multiculturalism which emerges in Canada from time to time.

SWIM for Sight

Blind encouraged to be physically active

By LAURIE EGLINTON

A recent survey among blind/visually impaired New Brunswickers revealed some alarming information said Harold Hatheway, Chairman of the CNIB Board of Management.

For example, said Hatheway of the 1400 people questioned a total of 83% of responses received indicated that they spend 5 or less hours per week on sport and recreation activities. Mr. Hatheway also said that 67% of these people indicated that they would be interested in greater participation in sport and recreation activities if such activities were available.

For many years now the CNIB has conducted 2 summer camps for the blind in this province. As well as picnics, social teas and Christmas parties for our clientele said Hatheway. The CCB of Canadian Council of the Blind has been actively involved in social and recreational activities such as bowling, bingo and social outings.

The NBBSA, New Brunswick Blind Sports Association formed about 10 years ago is actively involved in encouraging blind/visually impaired New Brunswickers to

become more involved in sport activities either through participation, coaching or just simply observing. This may sound like a great deal, said Hatheway, but it just isn't enough. Blind people want and have the right to participate in whatever sport and recreation activities that are available within the community. The major problem says Hatheway is a lack of public awareness and understanding, as to the ability rather than the disability of individuals who have visual problems. We can not expect to change this situation overnight said Hatheway but we are going to take a major step in the right direction on April 4th, 1987.

On April 4th all three provincial organizations through the support of the NB Department of Labour and the New Brunswick bottler of Pepsi Cola will sponsor Swim for Sight.

Swim for Sight will take place in most major centers across the province and is designed to create awareness

and raise much needed funds to enhance programs offered to blind/visually impaired New Brunswickers by all three organizations.

We estimate that 10,000 people across the province will take part by collecting pledges based on the number of laps they can swim in the designated pool in their community said Hatheway.

Blind and visually impaired residents will participate alongside their sighted peers and we encourage all New Brunswickers to join in support of this project.

Swim for Sight

Hatheway concluded by saying that anyone interested in supporting Swim for Sight can contact their local CNIB office in Edmundston, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John or by calling the CNIB Divisional Office in Fredericton at 458-0060. We encourage everyone to take the plunge on April 4th and Swim for Sight. Every stroke counts.

Anne Squire guest speaker

Dr. Anne Squire, the first lay woman Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and an outstanding Canadian educator, will be the guest speaker at St. Pauls United Church, (at the corner of York and George Streets) at 7:30 pm, Sunday March 29.

She is the 31st Moderator of the United Church of Canada, the church's highest office. She is the first lay woman Moderator, and only one other woman has occupied the office of moderator, the Very Rev. Lois Wilson.

Dr. Squire was a teacher and a professor of religion, teaching women and religion, religious education, and Jewish education for seven years at Carleton University before becoming the first female General Secretary of the Church's Division of Ministry, Personnel and Education in 1982. She possesses a B.A. and the Senate Medal for highest mark in Arts, an M.A., and two honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees; one from United Theological College at McGill in Montreal and the other from

Queens Theological College at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Her background as a lay woman in local congregation including teaching Sunday School for forty years, leading Explorer groups, and directing church camp. An invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all student members of faculty and interested persons. There will be lunch in the auditorium following the 7:30 service.

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