

based on race. It is essential that this struggle result in a personal evaluation of actions and attitudes. We are dealing with a sphere of daily interpersonal relations and activities in which it is essential that individuals be aware of the problem and conscious of their own responsibility in the quest for the eradication of this cancer that torments humanity.

...Canada has pursued and developed in the course of the months since the last session of the General Assembly certain activities in the context of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

With regard to information and public education, the Federal Government has sponsored a series of meetings with representatives of voluntary organizations with an interest in human rights, and in particular in the Decade, as evidenced by the numerous programs they have established. The Canadian Government has, in addition, recently published a brochure embodying the program of the Decade as well as texts of important UN declarations and documents on racial discrimination. In addition, at the request of the Government, radio stations have generously broadcast at regular intervals a series of publicity announcements against racial discrimination. Emphasis was placed on broadcasting the messages on December 10 and similar emphasis will be given on August 10, the anniversary of the Canadian Bill of Rights. In the provinces, information programs have also been established, particularly within the school system.

The development of programs for the struggle against racism and racial discrimination at the national level has been the object of continuing consultations between the different levels of government, and federal authorities, for their part, have under study new programs designed to promote a better understanding between different ethnic groups. I should like to mention that, at a conference called last November in Victoria, B.C., of provincial ministers responsible for human rights, the problem of racial discrimination was discussed.

In terminating this intervention, may I add that we have excellent grounds to believe that Canada will have in the very near future its own Commission on Human Rights. An organization of this kind would parallel those already existing in the majority of the provinces.

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