

the Sahel and earthquakes in Guatemala showed UNICEF's capacity to respond successfully to disasters. I am sure my colleagues agree that the development of today's children is one of our primary responsibilities in planning the economic and social development programs for our communities and we congratulate all concerned with the Organization.... Canada supports the work of UNICEF and recognizes the crucial role it plays within the family of UN organizations. It is for this reason that in recent years Canada has been among the largest contributors to the Fund.

I am pleased to announce that this year, Canada will increase its contribution more than 25 per cent, which, subject to Parliamentary approval, will amount to \$6.5 million Canadian, which equals approximately \$6,685,000 in U.S. funds.

### Multiculturalism in Toronto schools

The Toronto Board of Education has taken steps to deal with the "culture shock" that immigrant children encounter when they first attend Canadian schools, reports *Canadian Scene*. Two years ago, when it had become apparent that the cultural make-up of Toronto had changed significantly, the school board set up a work group on multicultural programs, which made a series of recommendations to help the schools respond to the multicultural challenge. Many are being implemented.

Among the recommendations is one that the Education Act of Ontario be amended to permit teachers to use languages other than English and French in their classes. Others call for the training of teachers to work in a multicultural society, steps to involve parents in the school life of the child, and much greater efforts to help new Canadian parents understand and appreciate the Canadian educational system.

Eventually the school board hopes to eliminate the situation described by one child who wrote in a school essay: "Unhappiness is when the teacher talks and you don't understand her. More unhappiness is when you talk to the teacher and she doesn't understand you."

### Ontario archaeological find

Dr. Walter Kenyon, curator of Canadian Archaeology at The Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, rushed to Grimsby, Ontario last month to confirm the discovery of an unprecedented archaeological find — an undisturbed cemetery belonging to the Neutral (Ontario Iroquois) Indians and dating back to the mid-seventeenth century.

Brian Robinson Construction Ltd. is developing the land (on which the Neutral site is located) for the eventual construction of from 40 to 50 homes. When Dr. Kenyon verified the importance of the burial site, Brian Robinson, president of the construction company, agreed to hold off further development until January.

### Rush before freeze up

The Royal Ontario Museum has called the situation an emergency and has sent out a team of workers to dig the site before the ground freezes. Dr. Kenyon, in charge of the dig, also wants to finish his excavation early enough so that he won't hold up Mr. Robinson's plans to install service lines in January.

The Grimsby dig has already confirmed important details about Ontario's past. Objects found so far in-

dicating that the Neutrals living there had made contact with French traders. Artifacts include copper kettles, large French felling axes, glass beads from Venice, copper ornaments, complete clay vessels, conch shells from the Gulf of Mexico or from the Atlantic coast of Florida. Dr. Kenyon states, "We knew the broad trade patterns of the Indians of southwestern Ontario but this dig is giving us the details — an association of objects we never had before."

### The Neutrals

The Neutral Indians, who lived in southwestern Ontario, were farmers. The Jesuit priest, Brebeuf, visited the Neutrals in 1640 and ascribed numerous villages to them. The Neutrals refrained from affiliating themselves with any of the warring factions of the time and, hence, received the name "Neutral". This group largely disappeared as a result of inter-tribal warfare in the late 1640s.

Ever since the discovery of the burial site, the Grimsby area has been teeming with excitement. School children are coming by the bus-load to see their own history unfold before their eyes, students from Hamilton's McMaster University have been out to assist in the dig, and some of the townspeople have been helping with the work.



*Out of mischief for a while but wait till we get out of these doggone socks.... Tara, the three-year-old Irish setter owned by Dr. Norman*

*Cheeseman and family of Kitchener, Ontario, recently gave birth to these 12 pups. The average litter for the breed is said to be eight or nine.*