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EDUCATION — without it, you're sunk!

The office manager, crisp-looking in gray flannel and pin-stripe tie, looked up wearily over his desk at the 24-year-old youth in the visitor's chair.

His voice sounded bored and official when he spoke.

"How much education do you have?"

The young man swallowed before answering.

"I never got out of Grade 8," he said.

His eyes looked tired and defeated—knowing that this man was going to turn him down as had the last 10 employers.

Echoes of this scene sounded this month in Ottawa's August Senate chambers as the Senate's history-making committee on employment and manpower heard the first of six reports.

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The grim conclusion after just one day's hearing:

The Canadian who does not finish public school is six times as likely to be unemployed as a high school graduate.

And the first person to be laid off during a seasonal slump is likely, too, to be the chap with the worst chances of being rehired — the man with a slight education.

How valuable is an education when looking for a job? This was only a side point confronting the 32-man committee — but it dominated the opening hearing.

Dr. John J. Deutsch, vice-principal of Queen's University, and F. T. Denton, a Toronto economist, both hammered home the point that a good education is probably a job-seeker's best ammunition.

Said Dr. Deutsch, who directed research for the report all last summer:

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"As soon as you start to move up the educational scale, especially past the point where they have completed high school, which seems to be a critical point, you find that the rate of unemployment decreases."

His co-worker, Mr. Denton, had equally startling data from a survey which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics carried out on Canada's unemployed group in the week which ended February 20.

Nine per cent of Canadians were unemployed that week, he said. But 19 per cent of those who did not complete elementary school—or almost two in 10—were without work.

The picture improved as one went up the scale, he said. Only eight per cent of those who went on to high school were unemployed — and only three per cent of those who finished high school.

The figures came from a seasonal peak of unemployment, Mr. Denton added. But there was every reason to believe that they represented a general situation.

Canadian educators have known for years that probably two out of every 10 Grade 9 students will not be in school two years later — often lured away by the desire to earn apparently good money.

And apparently the senators had heard the same trend. For Senator David Croll (Spadina) queried after hearing the education statistics:

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"May I put this question? It is my view that an infinitesimal number of people in the country have not got the ability to go beyond high school."

This was true, said Dr. Deutsch—provided one took into account the fact that not everyone could finish the academic course. Almost everyone could benefit from some secondary course.

Said Senator J. J. Connolly (Ottawa, West): "I would hope . . . that the press would feature that point, for the benefit of the younger generation in the country.

"It seems to me that we have had a most valuable opinion expressed here, and I hope it will go out to the high schools, and even to the grade school teachers."

The obvious conclusion: stay in school longer—and reap the benefits of a more secure and happier life for the rest of one's life. Many today, unemployed or not, wish they had.—The Toronto Telegram.

Should driving be taught in schools?

Many doubt the wisdom of such a course at public expense. Youthful drivers are the cause of too great a number of accidents, it is true. However, it appears that this is rather due to rashness, daring and showing-off than to incompetence and to ignorance.

Why must we accustom the population always to turn to the state for things which concern true education so little as driving a car? Many persons are hoping that Quebec will not follow this example. Surely there exists in the field of education needs much more pressing than that of a course of automobile driving for adolescents. — The Montreal Matin

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Fear of nuclear "accident" alarms scientists

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Talk of Red China getting nuclear bombs causes scientists to flinch like frightened children who are warned about the bogey man.

This was underlined in New York at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A British authority said that a dozen nations will have atomic bombs within about six years and, sure as fate, some will be exploded through "accident, or folly, or madness."

Writer-scientist Sir Charles P. Snow's aim in making the assertion was to rally his brother experts to the cause of warning the public just how perilous is the nuclear situation.

For the science association's special symposium on China stressed the great effort that the Communist mainland, with its population of more than 600,000,000, is making in industrial and technological development — the implication was clear.

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Although the United Nations General Assembly has again passed a resolution about preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, diplomats express alarm that, in fact, such a spread will continue unless a full-scale East-West disarmament agreement is reached — and that seems remote.

The Soviet Union, apparently, has not yet given nuclear weapons to its mighty ally, Red China, but some diplomats believe this may well be done since the Chinese can be expected to manufacture the bombs for themselves.

In this line of thinking, the conditional offer of the United States to give it NATO allies a share of control over atomic weapons systems has a bearing on Red China.

Should this plan go through, diplomats speculate that the Russians would adopt some similar scheme in the Warsaw pact — the counterpart of NATO — and Red China, too, might be included in an agreement.

Nuclear weapons are in the news from a number of directions, notably the report — quickly denied — that Israel was working on a bomb. Although Israel declared its project was purely for peaceful purposes, President Nasser of the United Arab Republic seized the opportunity to say that war would begin forthwith if the Arab countries discovered that the Israelis really were working on atomic bombs.

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The most spectacular development was the explosion of the third French atomic bomb in the Sahara, recalling the bitter protests that have been made at the UN regarding President de Gaulle's nuclear policy.

A "summit" conference of African leaders has been scheduled and the French policy is expected to receive another attack. The thinking of many African countries follows the line of President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, who told the UN General Assembly:

"The element of French intimidation contained in the tests was a positive provocation against Africa and a threat to world peace."

ROSES IN WINTER — Unusual for this time of year in most parts of Canada, roses are blooming, along with other flowers, in Vancouver. Stanley Park gardeners say current crop is best they can remember. Patricia Hardy, above, thinks they're pretty too. — CP Photo

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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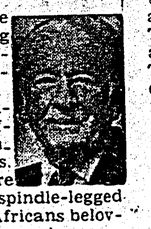
Now that Africa is in the news in a big way, we are seeing a great deal more on television and in the press of the African people. We are being astonished from time to time on hearing African leaders, in their strange and voluminous native dress, speaking English much more beautiful and grammatically than do our own leaders.



More and more we are seeing well-dressed Africans in the modern cities and towns, and healthy and virile Africans in the hinterland areas. Less and less are we seeing the spindle-legged and pot-bellied Africans beloved of the travel movies.

In recognizing and welcoming the emergence of the African people we must not lose sight of the fact that they already have a major conquest to their credit in a region far removed from Africa. It is absurd to conceal from ourselves any longer the fact of the almost complete domination of the popular music and dance of North America by the African people of this continent. Jazz was overwhelmingly Negro in origin and early development.

To this very moment, African rhythms and melodies dominate the popular music of America, so much so that our white singers do their best to imitate Negroes. And the only other place you will see the counterpart of the actions and gestures performed by our TV dancers hotly gyrating around the screen is in the TV newsreels showing Africans dancing in celebration of some fresh victory in the Congo.

Quote and unquote

Hansard:

H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I want to give a brief explanation of what inspired this bill and its purpose.

Mr. Speaker: The explanation should be as brief as is consistent with clarity.

Mr. Herridge: It is not customary in this House, Mr. Speaker, to be brief and clear at the same time.

gems of thought

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
—Norman MacEwan.

You can never expect too much of yourself in the matter of giving yourself to others.—Theodore C. Speers.

He who gives money he has not earned is generous with other people's labor.
—George Bernard Shaw.

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.
—Shakespeare.

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.
—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Age is bothersome only when you stop to coddle it.
— Maurice Chevalier

With the classics

Beautiful must be the mountains whence ye come,
And bright in the fruitful valleys the streams, wherefrom Ye learn your song:
Where are those starry woods?
O might I wander there,
Among the flowers, which in that heavenly air
Bloom the year long!
—Robert Bridges.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Brain-teasing party games — the kind that "make you think" — are in fashion this year.

So I learn from an article in Sports Illustrated.

Stephen Birmingham says in his article that party games carry a social status label. Some games are Up. Others are Down.

After taking a survey, he finds that thinking games are Up this year, and that drinking games, sexy games and "sick" games are Down.

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The furthest Up game is Botticelli, which is played in the following way:

"An individual player becomes It, and — with a famous character in mind — announces his character's last initial, saying, for example, "I am F".

"To each question he is asked by the others in the group . . . he must reply with the name of a specific person whose name begins with the same letter, but who he is not, until his identity is guessed.

"If he is asked "Are you a U.S. president?" he must answer "No, I am not Millard Fillmore". If asked "Are you a famous Viennese psychiatrist?" he must say "No, I am not Sigmund Freud," and so on.

"A player who is It may mislead his questioners as much as he can — provided that he answers with a name that fits. If he has said that he is B, and is secretly Brahms, he may answer the question "Are you a composer?" with "No, I am not Beethoven".

"Jonathan Jackson, a young New York advertising man and Botticelli champion, reports a game in which he held out for three days — the game went on by telephone after the party — as an American military figure, no longer living, whose name began with G, and was not Grant. He was Geronimo.

"An Up party game," says Jackson, "is a game that makes you think. It is also the sort of game that can be played for an extended length of time without boredom. . .

"The best Up game players are good name-droppers, place-droppers, old-movie-droppers and all other kinds of droppers . . . In other words, bright, brittle, hard-to-amuse and often simply annoying people."

(And, maybe, fairly dull people who have good memories for names.)

Thinking games don't necessarily stay Up. Birmingham tells us. They go Down just because they get too popular. I expect Botticelli has slipped a few notches since the article in Sports Illustrated came out.

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"Up games separate the wheat from the chaff . . . Down people simply can't play Up party games. Or at least they can't play them in an Up way. An Up party game is an obscure party game, one that only a select few know how to play.

"As such, it is often a new party game. But it can also be an old, or Down, party game, to which a few new, or Up twists have been added.

"Sometimes the Upness and Downness of a game depends entirely upon inscrutable rules of fad and fashion." Why is Monopoly Up and Canasta Down? Nobody knows.

An Up game (usually) is an intellectual and sophisticated game, but not a sexy game. "All off-color games like Fumble-Fumble — in which players either turn out the lights or put on blindfolds and try to identify their husbands or wives (or at least, the person they came with) by sense of touch alone — are Down games."

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Drinking games are Down this year, it seems. For example: Buzz-bizz. Players sit in a circle. They count "one-two-three . . ." When five, or a multiple of five, is reached, the player must say "buzz" instead of the number. When seven, or a multiple of seven is reached, he must say "bizz."

Each time a player misses or makes a mistake, he takes a swallow of his drink, and the counting changes direction. That's how you play Buzz-Bizz. But you have been warned. It's Down.

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It's good to hear that the sick games — particularly those with a strong element of sadism in them — are away Down.

One of the most repellent of these is Hate, which requires each person to turn to the player on his right and say the most unkind and hurtful thing he can think of about the person. Each remark must be nastier than the last one — and all must have some relation to the truth. Thank goodness, Hate is Down.

Status-seeking, with its moves Up, Down and Sideways, is itself a game, and a sick game at that. I feel that it is played far more in the imagination than in real life.

Most of the parties I have attended are so far Down, or so far Out, that the only games are talking and drinking.

The lighter side

Boy: Mister, my dad wants to borrow your corkscrew.

Neighbor: Okay, sonny, you run along. I'll bring it over.

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SEARCH FOR GAS AND OIL — Making its own road as it goes, an oil seismic party heads into the mountains near Innisfail, Alta., to study underground formations. Oil companies, spurred by approval of natural gas exports to the United States and prospects of Eastern Canadian oil markets, are spending millions of dollars in a continuous oil-gas exploration program. — CP Photo

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