

### Soft Schools Seen Likely To Mean Decaying Society

TORONTO (CP) — If the schools in a democracy are too soft, they will produce soft thinkers and a decaying society. Lord James of Rushmore said here.

His keynote speech to the three-day 105th annual convention of the Ontario Education Association was a discussion of the purposes and compromises in education in a democracy.

Lord James is vice-chancellor of York University in England.

About 10,000 teachers, principals, educationists and trustees are attending the combined OEA and 78th annual Ontario School Trustees' and Ratepayers' Association convention.

Lord James said education in the democracies is geared too much to the needs of the average student and too insistent that the student who takes a trade course because he cannot master calculus is, in every way, the equal of the exceptionally able student.

He said this can lead to "a curriculum with too many soft options and a resultant decline in standards and ultimately an impoverishment in culture."

"We are so afraid of admitting that anyone is better than anyone else that we hesitate to bring home to our ablest pupils and responsibilities that go with ability and power. To recognize that the existence of leadership is not only not undemocratic but a vital prerequisite for the continuance and flowering of democracy."

### Enjoyed Test, Six Report In Simulated Space Trip

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — "I think we could have gone on and on. There was no great discomfort. We enjoyed it."

Lieut. Cyrus W. Strickler III, a U.S. Navy pilot from Atlanta made the comment as he and five other aviators — unshaven and unshowered — emerged from a cylindrical chamber where they spent 34 days in a simulated journey into space.

They ate, worked and slept in pressure suits in an experiment sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Philadelphia's naval air engineering centre.

The project was designed to collect and analyse information on long confinement in a space atmosphere, specifically, how living in pure oxygen affects the blood, the lungs, thinking and eating.

Cmdr. Kenneth R. Coburn, project manager, called it "a major success," noting that "we find that man can live in space for long periods of time—for a month anyway — without any bad effects."

The men, ranging in age from 25 to 28, came out smiling.

"We were all compatible," said Strickler.

Their food, especially made by NASA, was dehydrated and the menu was repeated every four days. The men ate out of plastic containers, using no dishes or utensils.

But the men loved the chow. "Delicious," said Lieut. James B. Abbott, of Lemore, Calif., who spoke for the team.

**WAS FIRE DANGER**

Dr. Gary Kellett, navy flight surgeon, said there was great danger of fire in the pure-oxygen atmosphere pressurized at 27,000 feet for 21 of the 34 days.

He said all the men shed a great quantity of skin. Skin dust was all over the floor.

Kellett said this was caused primarily because the men couldn't bathe. "so the skin just fell off."

"We will have to investigate that condition more thoroughly," he said. "In a weightless atmosphere space dust of any kind would be a problem."

Coburn said previous studies of people in a pressurized atmosphere indicated there are changes in the red corpuscle

### Sask. Frenchman Not Interested In Separatism

SASKATOON (CP) — Ernest Bourgault, who directed a walk-out of French-speaking separate school students last week, has received a visit from a Quebec separatist but said he finds no appeal in separatism.

The visitor was Pierre Bourgault, a distant relative, who spoke in Saskatoon several months ago.

"The dangers of separatism came alive," said Ernest Bourgault in an interview. "His thinking is different from ours."

Ernest Bourgault said he favors Confederation, although perhaps under a revised form.

The goal of the protest group in removing 45 children from school last week was to obtain adequate French instruction for students, Mr. Bourgault said.

"Pierre feels they should let English Canada go its way and French Canada its way," Mr. Bourgault said.

He said his relative feels "Quebec is his country, not Canada, and he wants autonomy for Quebec as soon as possible."

### Helicopter Plans First Ocean Hop

VANCOUVER (CP) — Okanagan Helicopters Limited, one of the world's largest helicopter companies has announced plans to fly a new machine across the Atlantic in the first such hop by a commercial helicopter.

The company said the new Sikorsky 61N will be flown 3,920 miles from New York to Gatwick Airport near London by Langley, B.C., pilot Tommy Scheer, accompanied by Okanagan's senior engineer, Keith Rutledge, 45, of Richmond, B.C.

The copter will make about 12 fuel stops to carry out a con- tinued to service offshore oil rigs in the North Sea. The flight will last about three days.

The spokesman said he believes the U.S. Air Force has flown helicopters transatlantic but this would be the first such trip by a commercial machine.

The new Sikorsky, capable of carrying 27 passengers, is turbine-powered and amphibious.

The flight is scheduled to begin from New York May 2 or 3 with one of its stops planned at Montreal.

It will never fly more than 200 miles from land, hopping from island to island.

### Chrysler Sales Reach New High

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler President Lynn A. Townsend told his stockholders meeting Tuesday that first-quarter sales in 1965 were the highest in company history for an opening three-month period.

Townsend said the 328,332 car sales were 35 per cent better than in the same quarter last year. He said that, while other companies also have been reporting sales gains, none has equalled Chrysler's percentage increase.

In 1964, after deducting the provision for taxes on unremitted profits, Townsend said, "we had net earnings from subsidiaries outside the United States of \$50,600,000, up from \$6,400,000 just two years earlier."

Townsend said the company had record sales of \$1,266,000,000 in the first quarter, compared to the previous high of \$1,151,000,000 in 1957.

This added up to a new first-quarter net earnings record of \$56,600,000.

Net earnings per share, Townsend reported, were \$1.44, compared with the record of \$1.39 per share set last year for the same period. The figures were adjusted for a four-per-cent stock dividend paid last Dec. 15, he said.

The British government has published a guide book for \$1.10 listing nearly 3,000 hotels at vacation spots in Britain.

### Kosygin Says U.S. Steps Up Viet Nam War

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet Premier Kosygin has accused the United States of stepping up the war in Viet Nam and warned a "dangerous deadline" is near.

He said the use of gas and other weapons such as phosphorus and napalm bombs "may invite retaliation in kind."

The present situation, Kosygin added in a television address, "fraught with unforeseen consequences."

The Viet Nam policy statement—the Soviet Union's toughest to date—capped weekend disclosures of Kremlin pledges of additional military aid to North Viet Nam, including Russian volunteers in case of need.

It also appeared to lend weight to speculation that the Russians may be on the verge of setting up anti-aircraft missiles on sites reported in preparation around the North Vietnamese capital, Hanoi.

### Tunnel Tests Are Blamed For Undershoot

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Wrong information obtained from a wind tunnel test has been blamed for astronaut Virgil I. Gus) Grissom and John W. Young undershooting their landing mark.

They splashed down about 60 miles short of their target March 23 after orbiting the earth three times in the first manned Gemini flight.

Homer W. Dotts, Gemini engineer at the manned space craft centre, said wind tunnel tests many months ago wrongly indicated the space capsule to have more aerodynamic lift than it actually had.

Using this faulty information, engineers computed the approximate landing spot, but it turned out to be short.

"Wind tunnel testing is not an exact science," Dotts said. "We have no way to test a space craft like we do aircraft except in actual flights. We have to learn with each mission."

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