

# Authorities Alarmed At Resurgence

By FRANK CAREY  
WASHINGTON (AP) — You remember VD — venereal disease—and how it was stamped out a decade ago by the wonder drugs.

Don't you believe it! VD is staging "an alarming resurgence," and United States authorities are concerned. Syphilis epidemics "are raging at this very moment" in 30 of the largest U.S. cities.

Some experts see a general decline in morals, and point to the sharpest rises of VD among teenagers.

And the United States public health service says that while the increase in reported cases of both syphilis and gonorrhoea are startling enough, the actual number—including hidden, unreported cases — is probably much higher.

**NUMBER SOARS**  
Here are some of the figures:

1. Reported cases of "primary and secondary" syphilis, the infectious types, rose from a low of 6,231 in 1957 to 27,233 in the year ended June 30, 1964. But the true figure may be close to 200,000.

2. Reported cases of gonorrhoea rose from 216,676 in 1957 to 290,603 in 1964. But the true figure, including undiagnosed and unreported cases may be well over 1,000,000.

3. Reported congenital syphilis cases among children under 10 years of age rose from 212 cases in 1960 to 461 in 1963—an increase of 117 per cent.

4. Reported cases of new syphilis in persons under 20 increased more than 200 per cent between 1959 and 1963, to 37,111 cases from 11,776.

Dr. William J. Brown, chief of the VD branch of the health service's communicable disease centre at Atlanta, Ga., who made the statement on syphilis

epidemics said syphilis is occurring at a rate of more than 10,000 new cases every month.

Dr. Brown says that while 2,800 deaths a year are attributed to syphilis, the actual figure may be more than 12,000.

Reasons given by government experts for the VD upsurge are steadily increasing growth of cities, where VD rates have always run highest, increased mobility of the population and false feelings of security against the threat of contracting VD.

These notions result from the fact penicillin and other wonder drugs available since the Second World War can cure either syphilis or gonorrhoea. The trouble is, doctors say, many people forget about the available cure after they've been exposed, especially in the case of syphilis where early symptoms may pass unnoticed.

The communicable disease centre experts say the upsurge of both syphilis and gonorrhoea is not confined to any race, sex, socio-economic group or geographic area, but is occurring generally throughout the U.S. and in many other parts of the world.

To combat the rise of VD, the health service urges increased participation in control by private physicians, including more extensive reporting of cases to public health authorities, education against over-reliance on "miracle" drugs and an intensification of educational programs by all media, voluntary health agencies and other groups to underline the threat and tragedy of VD.

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Six-year-old Christian Devlin Brando, left, was the first time Miss Kashfi was permitted to see her boy since she temporarily lost custody of him last Monday.

# Quebec Commission Outlines Curriculum For 21st Century

By GERRY McNEIL  
QUEBEC (CP)—The Parent royal commission has made 209 recommendations for a Quebec school curriculum designed to turn out graduates prepared for the 21st century.

The 381-page document draws from French, English, American and Russian systems in its quest for the best for Quebec.

The commission, headed by Mgr. Alphonse Marie Parent, was established in 1961 by the Quebec government to report and make recommendations on the Quebec educational system.

The report says urgent measures to bring about bilingualism are required, and to this end it recommends that French, English, and Catholic teachers, mostly French, be hired in English schools.

There should be no barrier to school boards hiring teachers of any religion, provided the teacher was ready to avoid religious controversy or interference with student belief.

The report suggests Canadian history texts should be fundamentally the same in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant systems, and it wonders whether an international committee might not be set up one day to provide a broad objective picture of history for all people.

**WANTS FRENCH ENFORCED**  
Proposals to insure the survival of French in Quebec are mostly centred on better teaching of the subject, but the report also suggests legislation to enforce use of the language in business and public affairs, particularly in Montreal.

Old bulwarks of the Quebec curriculum such as Latin, Greek and philosophy are moved into the background to make room for modern languages, the physical and social sciences, citizenship, and new subjects such as plastic arts and cinematography.

Suggestion of introduction of subjects such as anthropology at the high school level, the report says, should not be taught "to respect all men, to try to understand them."

As a result of the commission's first volume last year was the establishment of a department of education, the first major change in a century.

The second volume in a month ago was a blueprint for a system of structures that would take children from nursery school to a university or technical education.

The latest volume deals with school programs and the construction of the Grades 12-13 level institutes it proposed earlier.

The final volume expected later this month will deal with financing of education and special matters such as the wants of the Jewish minority in Montreal, now incorporated into the Protestant system.

**DEPENDS ON TEACHERS**  
The latest volume says "the whole of the reform depends upon the teachers."

It suggests the department of education set deadlines by which language teachers must have the equivalent of a teacher's degree, with strong specialization in their chosen subject. Such teachers should have to pass an oral and written exam before an expert committee.

Special consideration, because of the limited chance of advancement, should be given Protestant teachers employed in the Catholic system and vice versa.

Better trained teachers would be needed, just as necessary are new textbooks, the report says, urging that a committee be set up at once to speed out those in bad taste.

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