

74 Recommendations Reported In Quebec Educational Report

MONTREAL (CP)—A Commission of Quebec's educational revolution is proposed in part of the latest report of the Parent Royal Commission on education. Provision for non-denominational education in Quebec's present "pluralist society" is one of its recommendations. Others are for an overhaul of local school organization and creation of a special service for the education of the province's Indians.

The 74 recommendations, not officially made public but published by La Presse, are contained in the first section of the commission's final report. Msr. Alphonse-Marie Parent, head of the commission, is to present the two-volume final section to the government Wednesday. Premier Lesage has indicated he will not release it before the June 5 provincial election.

SEEK REPORT'S RELEASE
Various educational authorities have called for its immediate publication. It has been written for some time and some 30,000 French-language copies are reported to be stored in a Montreal warehouse.

La Presse says the final report recommends that the public education system in Quebec offer Roman Catholic, Protestant and non-denominational schooling, in so far as standards can be maintained. It also proposes that school commissions have no denominational character. Recommendations are made which recognize the right of parents and pupils to be consulted as regards their religious education or lack of it.

Schools are called upon to adapt themselves to a system in which the "diversity of religious options of parents and pupils" would be respected. Under the present system there exist municipal school boards and regional school commissions, the latter administering a secondary school or schools in an area which can take in one or more municipalities. Separate boards and commissions exist for French- and English-language schools.

FAVORS NEW SYSTEM
The report recommends abolition of this system in favor of a three-level structure. At the bottom would be a five-member school committee for each school whose members would be elected by parents of children in the school.

At the next level would be a

regional commission, a body of five to 11 members who would be elected for three-year terms by delegates from school committees in the region. On top would be the council of school development, comprising two members of each regional commission in an area and two members named by the education department.

The school committees would watch over education and pupil and teacher welfare in its own school; the regional commission would organize and administer teaching on both the elementary and secondary levels; the council of school development would deal with such matters as finances, taxation and co-ordination of development.

The regional school commission would deal with all education—French, English, denominational and non-denominational. Besides the creation of a special service by the education department for the education of Indians, "both young and adult," the report suggests that Indian parents be able to participate in school committees of public schools attended by their children, with the "same rights and privileges as other parents in the regional school commission which covers the area in which they live."

REVISE HISTORY BOOKS
Steps should be taken to make Indians better understood—Canadian history books should be revised and rectified so as to present a "truer image of American Indians" and the department of education should get under way a "vast program to educate adults with respect to the Indian population."

The commission was established in 1962 to look into Quebec's education system and suggest changes.

Among the recommendations in its first report was the establishment of a government department of education. This was done. Recommendations in its subsequent reports dealt with blending the Catholic and Protestant education systems and the content and emphasis of pre-university education.

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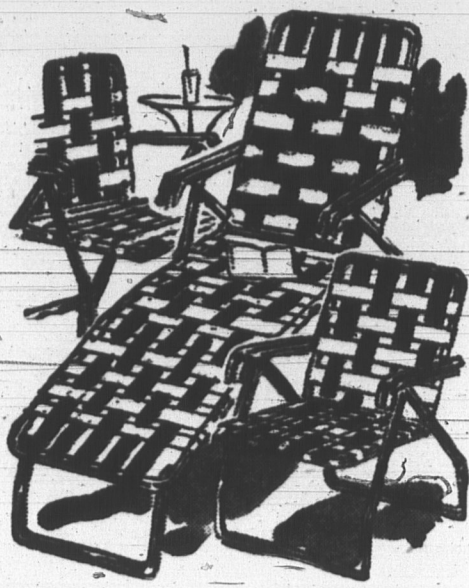
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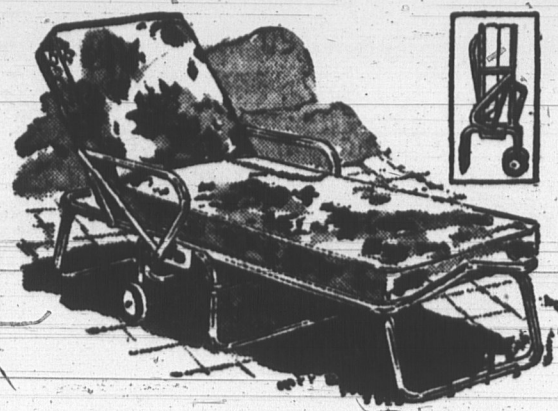
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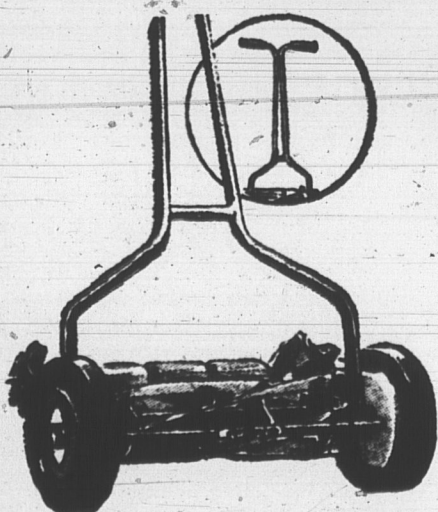
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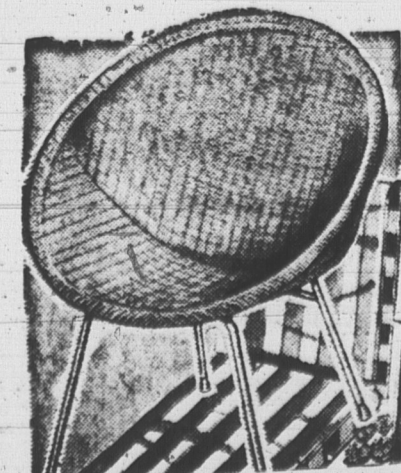
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