

## UNICEF Means Life To Children

For over thirty years, Canadian children have collected coins on Halloween night to help UNICEF's children around the world, last year alone raising over \$2 million.

With administration costs for the Halloween program at an extremely low 9.5%, UNICEF is truly able to make the money collected by Canadian children go a long way. UNICEF has been very successful in bringing their four basic services to children and mothers in 118 developing countries.

It is estimated that 80 percent of all diseases in the world are attributable to inadequate water supply and poor sanitation. This includes the effects of drinking contaminated water, water acting as a breeding ground for the carriers of disease, and disease by lack of washing and sanitation systems. Two-thirds of all children under the age of 5 in developing countries, that is some 200 million, are without access to clean water.

UNICEF provides water pumps, trains villagers, digs wells and teaches families about sanitation and clean water.

Proper nutrition should begin as soon as a baby is born. That is why the promotion of breastfeeding and growth monitoring are key elements in UNICEF's education process. Not only is mother's milk nutritious but it is safe, inex-

pensive, and provides immunities against disease. Regular monthly weighing and the use of a 10-cent growth chart can help mothers and health workers detect early signs of malnutrition. And with simple basic advice on what is now known about feeding and weaning young children, most mothers could maintain their child's healthy growth — even with limited resources of food and money.

UNICEF began its education program by improving children's knowledge about good health and sound nutrition. This has been expanded to include pre- and primary schools as well as teacher training and female education. In fact, mothers' education has been the biggest single factor in improving and maintaining the health of children.

Limited resources have led UNICEF to search for low-cost, high-impact, community-based ways of protecting the health of mothers and young children. The recent spread of two of the least expensive child protection techniques, Oral Rehydration Therapy to combat dehydration, and Immunization against the six childhood diseases has meant that over a million children's lives have been saved this past year!

The funds for UNICEF's four basic services are raised entirely through voluntary contributions. October is

UNICEF month. When the Trick-or-Treaters come to your door with their UNICEF

boxes this Halloween, please give generously!

For more information, con-

tact the P.E.I. UNICEF Committee, Box 294, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

## Youth Ignored In Throne Speech

OTTAWA (CUP) — Youth were only mentioned in passing during this year's speech from the throne.

Although the government promised a national forum on post-secondary education,

post-secondary education, youth were passed over. The government talked about "new initiatives to promote entrepreneurship among youth," and its optimism over the drop in youth unemployment.

"Nothing of consequence was given to youth," said Senator Jaques Hebert after the speech. Hebert fasted for 21 days last winter in protest of the Conservative government's cancellation on the Katimavik youth program.

"The word youth came up twice. I had my little pencil there waiting," he said. "I was a little dismayed because (the Youth Minister) had said that in the speech of the throne, we would hear where the government stands."

The proposal for a national forum on education provoked mixed responses. Although pleased by the announcement, both the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Canadian Federation of Students hoped the forum would not be used just as a pacifier.

"The forum is a positive step as long as it's not tokenism," said CFS information

officer Anne-Marie Turcotte. "It would have to be an ongoing consultative process."

The forum must address such issues as the federal-provincial funding impasse and the financial crisis among researchers, said CAUT president Allan Sharp.

Sharp said little new was announced in the throne speech, pointing out that the proposed billion-dollar research initiative was announced in last spring's budget.

Canadian youth received even less mention. "Maybe I am too partisan but I didn't hear anything to give hope to the 600,000 youth," said Hebert.

## Life On Earth

By Sam Okello

Life on earth is a long, difficult road  
Which must be travelled by all  
Life is marked with many pitches  
Into which we often fall.

The devil sets these traps for us  
With tricks at every turn,  
Expecting all of us to go  
To hell, with him and burn.

But God is fighting by our side  
Throughout the night and day,  
And helps us in these temptations  
Which might lead us astray.

He sent his only begotten Son to show us  
The light, the truth, the way to eternity,  
To equip us against the Devil,  
And help us win our struggle.

And so if we accept His help  
And not reject his plea,  
This rugged road will lead us to  
A blessed eternity.

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