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AT VIMY RIDGE CEREMONY

David Cross, Liberal Member of Parliament for Victoria, represents Canada in laying wreath at the Canadian Na-

tional War Memorial at Vimy Ridge in France Sunday. More than 400 French and Canadian soldiers and citizens took part

In the ceremony commemorating Canada's sacrifices in two world wars (AP Wirephoto).

11-Year-Old Becomes Freshman At University

By PHIL BROWN LANSING, Mich. (AP) — As soon as Michael Groot enrolled as a freshman at Michigan State University, the telephone began to ring. It rang for days with offers of television appearances, interviews and trips around the country.

The answer in each case was a polite "no, thank you" from Mike's parents.

Mike wants to be just another student, the callers were told. But being just another student is difficult for Mike. He is 11 years old, and was only 10 when he started classes Oct. 11.

The problem—and the challenge — for Mike and those around him is that of "the gifted child" everywhere. The solutions to the problem must encompass what is best for the child and for the development of his gifts.

"There has been no real research on how to establish a program for boys such as Mike," said Dr. William Manning, superintendent of schools in Lansing. "An accounting of what he does could be of help to youngsters in the future."

Mike is the youngest freshman ever admitted at MSU. He attended classes last year on an unofficial basis.

In those classes, he earned an A-minus average over 38 hours of classroom work in subjects such as history, humanities, natural science and mathematics.

That convinced Lansing school officials and administrators at MSU, in neighboring East Lansing, that Mike was ready for college.

The idea was not to hold back a youngster whose IQ, says Dr. Elizabeth Drews, is too high to be measured accurately.

NO INTERVIEWS

No personal interviews with Mike have been allowed yet. "We've had so many requests. We could have gone all over the country," said his mother, Mrs. William Groot. "We want to avoid exploitation—taking him all over and making money because he is able to do college work."

"Mike has taken it very matter-of-factly. He enjoyed having his picture in the paper, but he really wonders why everyone is so interested."

He is going to join the Boy Scouts, and there still is time for touch football with friends his own age, his mother said.

In addition to capitalizing on Mike's brainpower, there could be another type of exploitation, Dr. Manning said.

For instance, a professor of science could try to steer the boy toward scientific studies.

PANEL GIVES ADVICE

To avoid making Mike a specialist at this early date, a seven-member advisory committee now is helping Mike's parents make educational decisions. One member, Dr. Walter F. Johnson, an MSU professor of education, was director of student personnel at the University of Minnesota's laboratory school, which had 400 students with an average IQ of 136.

"Mike is young and unspoiled," said Dr. Johnson. "We want to keep him that way. We know of cases of precocious children in music and dramatics where publicity hasn't had a very good effect on them," he said. "We don't want it to happen here."

NEED CHALLENGE

"While much has been said and written about the gifted,

few funds and little effort are being devoted to helping them," Dr. Drews said. "Consequently, they often become bored because their homework offers no interest or challenge."

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Tentative Plans Formed For National Folk Arts Council

By JAMES NELSON OTTAWA (CP)—More than 100 delegates from national organizations and regional ethnic groups made tentative plans here to found a national council for the folk arts in preparation for the Confederation centennial in 1967.

Agreement in principle was all but completed when Quebec delegates said they should agree first on a provincial folk-life council.

The conference resolved the difficulty by postponing a formal decision, but the original intention appeared to be nearly unanimous. Even the Quebec delegates who spoke said they favored a national council, but felt a provincial council should be formed first.

The meeting, sponsored by the federal centennial commission, was held by its chairman, Hamilton Southam of Ottawa, that up to now, Canadians had been too busy building railroads, highways and houses to think much about cultural life. But economically and politically the time now was ripe for the country to move ahead exploring its cultural talents.

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centennial project, said a national council might promote children's story books tracing the history of various ethnic groups in Canada.

He also suggested the formation of an ethnological museum featuring the costumes, history and religious articles of the many races represented in Canada. An interchange of Quebec cultures might be arranged for 1967, taking the Nova Scotian Highland games to the Prairies and Prairie slavic groups to other parts of Canada.

Maureen Silva, provincial secretary of the Montreal New Canadian folklore groups, led the Quebec delegates in opposing an immediate decision on forming a national council.

In what Mr. Southam described as a compromise typified by the Canadian Council of Canadian culture, Mr. da Silva was named to a committee with Stephen Davidovich of Toronto and W. G. Black of Vancouver to chart a course for the council before its plenary meeting today.

DENIES RACIAL BIAS

HARROW, Ont. (CP) — Two Negro teachers at an all-Negro public school here Monday dismissed as "unfounded" allegations that the all-white school board is discriminating against their school. Both Mrs. Beulah Guzzens, principal, and her one-woman teaching staff, Mrs. Hilda Dugay, said the allegations arise from mistrust on the part of the small Negro community here.

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Sir Alec Sued By Communist

EDINBURGH (AP)—A Communist candidate defeated in the British election Oct. 15 sued Conservative Leader Sir Alec Douglas-Home to test the validity of the former prime minister's election to Parliament.

The Communist, Dr. Christopher Murray Grieve, lodged a rare election petition with the Scottish Supreme Court alleging illegal practices by Douglas-Home or his political agents.

The civil action arises from what Grieve claims was a carve-up of television broadcast slots by Britain's three major political parties — Conservatism, Labour and Liberals.

By arrangement between the three and the television companies, only parties that put up 50 or more candidates qualify for political broadcasts. As less than 10 Communists ran for Douglas-Home got an unfair advantage through his numerous television appearances.

Dr. Grieve, otherwise known as Scottish poet Hugh MacDiarmid, opposed Douglas-Home in the Kinross and West Forfarshire constituency of Scotland. Douglas-Home was re-elected with 16,600 votes. Dr. Grieve collected only 127 and lost his deposit of £150.

