

Federal Education Dept. Suggested By French Group

By GUY RONDEAU
QUEBEC (CP)—The establishment of a federal department of education was recommended to the Canadian Association of French-Language Educationists Saturday as a means of maintaining French culture outside Quebec province.

Gaston Dugas, information director for Montreal's Roman Catholic school board, made the suggestion at a study session attended by five members of the federal royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism. The study session, devoted to the problems of bilingualism and biculturalism, brought together some 200 educationists

representing every province except Newfoundland.

STRESS ON EDUCATION
 Andre Laurendeau, co-chairman of the royal commission, told delegates the commission will investigate most aspects of Canadian life but will pay particular attention to education, communications, and economic, social and cultural life.

Mr. Dugas said that if the royal commission can look into almost anything, "why don't we ask it to study the possibility of creating not one but two federal departments of education, one French and the other English?"

If the provinces continued to

have complete jurisdiction in education, he doubted that a constitutional amendment to define more clearly the rights of French-Canadians to education in French could lead to practical results.

French-Canadians outside Quebec would remain a weak minority, he said, and political realities would prevent the application of their rights.

But he asked, "is it impossible to think about amending the constitution to permit creation of a federal department of French education? Is it impossible to think that French-Canadians are no more than a weak minority in each province fighting for a few hours of French in separate schools?"

"NATIONAL FORCE"
 He suggested French-Canadians are "a national force" and should have "an absolute or almost absolute" control over the schools.

Abbe Gerard Dion, professor

of social sciences at Laval University, wondered whether French Canada should not abandon efforts to organize French-Canadian institutions in areas where the French-speaking minority is small.

Abbe Benoit Paris, chaplain of the French-Canadian Association of Saskatchewan, opposed the idea. Despite difficulties, there is a growing movement in favor of maintaining the "French fact," he said.

But Rev. Ludger Guy, director of studies at St. Boniface College, declared: "It's all over for the mass of French-Canadians in Manitoba."

Within a short time, he said, his 100-year-old institution may have to close.

"We have maintained French against all odds but it must be recognized that our young people are no longer French."

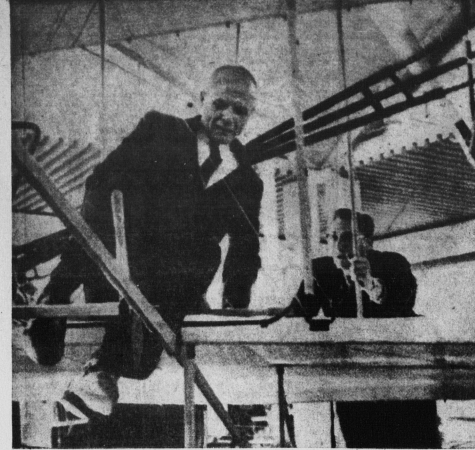
LITTLE SANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luiz, Wood Islands East, left this week for Charlottetown to spend the winter with relatives.

The ferries between Wood Islands and Carleton Place, N.S., finished their last trips on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Mrs. William Stewart, Wood Islands East, left recently for Boston, where she expects to get employment for the winter.

Mrs. Malcolm McPherson, Wood Islands East, spent a few days this week visiting at her cousin's, Mrs. John Campbell and Mrs. R.C. MacLeod and Hugh MacNeill.



Astronaut John Glenn wears his way into the cockpit of a scale model of the Wright Brothers' first powered aircraft during Monday's activities at Kitty Hawk, N.C., marking the 60th anniversary of powered flight. Co. Glenn acted as moderator on a panel discussion of aviation and space flight. Man in background is unidentified. (AP Wirephoto).

TRYING IT ON FOR SIZE

Full Growth Seen Possible For Dwarfs

BALTIMORE (AP)—About 10,000 Americans needlessly live their adult lives at eye level with door knobs, belt buckles and kitchen sinks.

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