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Donald Gordon Expresses Views

Proper Place For Women Causes Social Revolution

By JEAN SHARP
CP Women's Editor
WATERLOO, Ont. (CP)—As one of the two male members of the royal commission on the status of women, Donald Gordon says he is trying to forget his own feeling about the proper place of women.

He doesn't want to turn up at the inquiry with preconceived notions. They might get in the way of realizing the real goal—collecting genuine facts.

Mr. Gordon, associate professor of political science at the University of Waterloo, and Jacques Henripin of the University of Montreal are the men on the six-member commission headed by Anne Francis of Ottawa.

Mr. Gordon recognizes that the decision to hold the inquiry has provoked some humorous reaction, but he insists "the value of the commission is self-evident."

"We are experiencing fundamental social revolution in Canada. The role of women is one of the central facts of the revolution."

"There is a great deal to find out. I'm trying hard not to come in with assumptions. I think what a good commis-

sion involves is finding out."

"There is so much mythology and mystery and murk. The smoking car and the parlor, or whatever the opposite would be — the smoking car state of mind is still the central theme in this country. We are still the handmaidens of an older generation."

As an example, Mr. Gordon cites the much-made comment that women waste specialized training because when they have it they get married anyway and never use it.

"But we don't know that happens. We haven't any facts on what does become of women with specialized training. We've always accepted second-hand U.S. material. Maybe Canadians are not the same."

It is not that he expects the royal commission to resolve the revolution, but Mr. Gordon says facts can alter situations.

"Anything you put into the pool contributes to that sort of background noise that is what people think. Facts can change terms."

He says several facts of his own life may help to qualify him as a member of this particular commission.

"I like women, which is perhaps not entirely irrelevant."

His wife Helen is an anesthetist, so they live with whatever complications the professional woman and working mother may add to family life. They have three sons, Donald, 10, Bruce, 6, and Keith, 4.

Mr. Gordon, 37, has worked as a newspaper man with The Canadian Press and for the CBC as European correspondent based in London.

Mr. Gordon says that because he has worked a lot



DONALD GORDON

with young people, he hopes he may be able to bring a certain amount of information about them to his commission work.

"The circumstances and attitudes of younger people should be represented."

The Phil, he says, has brought a new era in the relationships of men and women to add to the complexities of a world that includes the Bomb and an excess of people or shortage of space.

"There is not much to be said for change for the sake of change, but it comes back to knowing what is going on. We have never had to know before, but when you're down to the last forest and it's a question of toothpicks or construction materials, you need to know."

Personally Speaking

By LORRAINE MOORE

IT'S SPRINGTIME! It's Easter! There are flowers in the shops, the days are longer, the sun is warmer. Easter is here and at the same time all the world is celebrating the return of Spring. It's time to get active again, winter has gone.

When I say active again, different minds conjure up different thoughts.

Women will decide to dust off last year's Spring bonnet or will have the irresistible urge to buy a new one: men will be flexing their muscles and gazing anxiously at the fairways; little boys will think of marbles; little girls of skipping ropes; big boys and big girls will be thinking ponderous thoughts on many things that we adults wouldn't know a thing about (they think).

Me, I have the urge to experience that soul-satisfying feeling of house-cleaning; to rout out a lot of that contemporary clutter that comes with modern living.

To the nearest white elephant sale I would like to despatch all those time-saving gadgets that create jobs I would never have done had I not had the time-saving gadget — such as curlicueing carrots.

Nothing would be more soul-satisfying than to banish forever that blizzard of paper that breezes in the door after the postman has called, with coupons, "cents off" offers on things I'd never buy, advertisements, notice of meetings and organizations.

Forever from my life I would like to thrust all those labels, tags, stickers, and tickets that come stuck to clothing I purchase. Maybe some of that tenacious stickum would be more effective if used on the buttons, hooks and eyes, even seams of the garment.

I could do without people complaining when I give blood that my veins are small; when I buy shoes, that I have a difficult foot to fit (I know my feet are big); when I buy cosmetics that my skin is both dry and oily.

I could do without mothers in their little living room orations advising me, without being asked, how to bring up my children; or the bridge addict telling me, also unasked, what she would have done had she had my hand; or the woman who makes all her clothes and her children's how simple and cheap it is, when she knows I have a strange antipathy towards a needle and thread.

I could do without a few TV commercials, such as those with the insufferable freshly laundered children with their freshly coiffed mamas in their freshly built split-levels.

There, that will do for now. I feel a lot better with all that clutter out of the way — almost as good in fact as if I had house-cleaned from attic to cellar.



Primer For Husbands

Emergency Childbirth

CHICAGO, Ill.—As the expectant mother and father set out on that thrilling journey to the hospital it seldom occurs to them that they might not make it in time. What would you do if you found yourself having to play midwife to the birth of your baby? Here are some tips from the American Medical Association should that unlikely event occur (as it does 7,000 to 8,000 times a year):

The first and most vital suggestion is that you keep calm, reassure the mother, and help her lie down with her head level with her body.

If you can see the baby emerging — surely one of nature's most extraordinary sights — don't pull him to speed his arrival. Let him emerge at nature's own pace.

And remember that old admonition, "Don't drop the baby." He will be covered with fluids, provided by nature to ease his passage down the birth canal. The fluid will make him slippery. Hold the infant in any clean piece of cloth — either your own shirt—or a nightie or slip out of that suitcase the expectant mother packed so carefully so she would look pretty in the hospital.

Most babies, according to the AMA, don't really need to be spanked to make them cry and breathe. Hold the baby firmly but gently head down to encourage drainage of fluids from the throat. For those babies who don't cry spontaneously, however, a smart slap on the rump or the soles of the feet will usually do it.

If breathing or crying are delayed a minute or two, place your mouth against the infant's and puff air gently into him. Rub his back and stroke his abdomen gently to encourage breathing.

DON'T PLAY DOCTOR
Don't play obstetrician. The less you do, observes the AMA, the better for both mother and baby. Unless there's going to be a considerable delay in reaching the hospital—10 minutes or more—don't do anything about the umbilical cord.

If there will be a long delay, wait until the cord stops pul-

sating (about three minutes after birth). Then tie the cord tightly with a piece of string (or a shoelace — this is an emergency), leaving as much cord between the string and the baby as possible. Then make a second tie an inch or two away from the first one. Cut the cord between the two ties with sharp and clean an instrument as you have.

Cover the mother. Wrap the infant and place it where it will be safe. Then head for the hospital. And congratulations.



Food Tips

ACCENT PORK FLAVOR
Accent the flavor of roast pork or pork chops with tangy hot peaches. Stir a spoonful of mango chutney into mayonnaise and spoon dab a little into canned cling peach halves. Sprinkle lightly with flaked coconut and heat in hot oven about 10 minutes or run under broiler briefly. Garnish the meat platter with peaches.

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Calendar Local Happenings

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Southminster Circle Square Dance Club will not be dancing Saturday night in Southminster Hall. All square dancers are invited to dance with the Fort Macleod Square Dance Club. Women are asked to take a box lunch and cups.

Southminster Junior Girls' Choir will practise every Saturday at 4 p.m. in Southminster Hall. Expo Choir will practise at 5.

McKilop Merry Mixers Square Dance Club has cancelled its dance for this week only.



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GAMES 3-20
TO MAKE CHILDREN OBEY, FIRST QUIETLY BESEECH... IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, IT'S TIME FOR A SCREECH!

Leister's Campus Corner

STACHA SIKORA
Catholic Central High

There is one fact about teenagers that is much more noticeable than all the others and it sticks out like "a sore thumb." This is that we, as the young generation of today and builders of tomorrow, lack a very important trait called "initiative."

We lack the drive for doing things that are good for us. We seem to be contented just to sit back and wait until an adult comes along and tells us what to do. We are not able, it seems, to do anything on our own.

As a result, we must wait for that first push from an elder to get us going. We are so used to the first push that without it we are like a "junkie" without "dope."

I am willing to bet anything that many of the teenagers go to church on Sunday not because we want to, but because we are told to go by our parents. It is easier to sit back and let our parents tell us what to do. This way there is no thinking involved on our part, we only carry out orders and no more. I wonder how many of us study without that word of reminder from Mom or Dad or even the teacher.

Lack of initiative on our part is responsible for the fact that so many of us think that

religion, studies and morals are for the birds.

We have never stopped long enough to think about the advantages of all these things. We have never bothered to find out for ourselves what religion and study has to offer. As a result, teen-agers wander around in the dark like a flock of lost sheep moaning and groaning about how we are being pushed around. How the "big bad adult world" makes us do things and treats us like babies. Because we did not have the drive and the intestinal fortitude, to think and do things on our own, we have become no more than vegetables, vegetating our way through life.

Now I would like to congratulate all the students of CCHS that entered the Science Fair. Whether or not you won, you still deserve our congratulations for having the "initiative" to enter. Our second round of congratulations goes out to all those who entered the Calsmen Speech Contest. Special recognition must also be given to Gary Boyden who won first place in the Southern Alberta finals.

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Boys Top Class

WIGSTON, England (CP) — Richard Hunt, 8 beat the 37 members of his class — 17 of them girls—in a cake-making competition at a Leicestershire school. He's already decided what he wants to be—a chef.

PLAN BIGGEST BOOK

LONDON (Reuters)—A contract for the largest single work ever printed, an official catalogue of more than 12,000,000 books in 2,000 major libraries in the United States and Canada, was awarded to a British group, it was announced here.

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