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## THOUGHT ABOUT A JOB YET?

What about the not-so-distant future?—even next summer? Where would you like to work—Africa, India, Canada, Trinidad,...? The S.C.M. had received a limited number of 1964 "Jobs Worth Doing" pamphlets listing short and long term openings in most fields, from agriculture to Y.M.C.A. work, in Canada and around the world. "Jobs Worth Doing" is prepared by the vocational register of the S.C.M., in conjunction with churches and governments, to reveal the scope of service work and job opportunities around the world. Also listed is information regarding CUSO, Crossroads Africa, Study Abroad, S.C.M. Summer Work Camps, etc. If you are searching for an opportunity to accomplish something worthwhile, if you would like a job promising invaluable experience, or if you have any desire, interest or curiosity concerning these areas for your future, I would be happy to give you one of these folders and any possible aid in pursuing information.

Because it is of immediate concern to Lakehead College S.C.M. at this time of year, I would like to emphasize the above notation of S.C.M. summer work projects. Undergraduates, joining about 20 other students, live and work together in "work camps" set up by the S.C.M., and take jobs in factories, offices, or mental hospitals. We are also attempting a bilingual-bicultural work camp, for the first time, in Montreal. You may have seen the posters. Two Lakehead students went last year—already more have applied this year! Is anyone else interested? It's getting late! Contact Marilyn Spidell, or anyone on the S.C.M. executive.

...Douglas L. Brown

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## OF WOMEN—A CRITICISM

The idea advanced by Schopenhauer in one of his essays was that women were actually petty insignificant beings, neither young nor old, but existing in an almost nebulous intermediate state. He credits them with

no sense of justice and possessing merely the ability to attain an object or goal which is directly in front of them, thereby excluding all power of hindsight or foresight. But can this be so today? In reading his essay, I was prompted to examine the date that the book was written because his ideas would be more applicable to the eighth century version of women. Can this eminent and supposedly brilliant philosopher be so outdated and outmoded? I grant you, he was a nineteenth century philosopher, but is this any excuse? From the context of his essay, it definitely appears that he was writing about women in the middle ages—not the modern woman which was emerging in his own era.

The face of womanhood has changed considerably through the centuries until modern woman only resembles the woman of long ago by having the same gender. Perhaps this seems too extreme—I don't know, but I do know that today, increasing numbers of women are taking over and almost supplanting men in those jobs which they have traditionally held. For example, look at the increase in women judges (no sense of justice?—I question this), women lawyers, doctors, police-women, postwomen, factory workers—we have infiltrated the whole structure of our economic being. What would Schopenhauer have to say to this—would he ignore it, call it a passing phase, or say that the men are doing the superior jobs and leaving the more inferior ones to the "sexus sequior". Then what would he term the superior employments?—in science?—there women biochemists, psychiatrists and scientists are prevalent...in the professional jobs?—the women employed in these have been previously mentioned—then where? Beyond this earth men have penetrated—but so have women, for example, Valenta Tere-shkova, and have been found to be more successful at it because of their adaptability...the weaker sex, Mr. Schopenhauer?

So you see, dear Mr. Schopenhauer, that you have greatly underestimated the worth of women, and if it weren't for the fact that you are dead, I would strongly recommend that you rewrite your essay with some of the above points in mind, lest your essays lead astray the more vulnerable section of your readers, namely the men, and give them a false

sense of superiority.

Yours truly,

A Woman.

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### THE SPIRITUAL CRISIS

An historian, at some future time, analyzing the twentieth century, will probably call it the century of crisis. We have seen many crises in political spheres as of late, only two of which are those in the Congo and in Cuba. Experts tell us that we will soon be facing the crisis of overpopulation and food shortage and that raw materials are being used at a much faster pace than nature's cycle can replace them. Is it any wonder then, that religion is also in a state of crisis.

Does the concept of an external God hold any meaning for us in this rapidly changing world? Is our present religious structure, the church, a living, functioning useful organ or has it, like so many of our traditional scientific and social ideas, become outdated? Is contemporary Christianity merely an outmoded ideal which we are blindly trying to perpetuate by means of formalized dogma, or does it still have some significance for a world wrought by political, economic, and social crises? In other words, can Christianity survive the scientific and social revolution, or for that matter, should it survive...?

These are pertinent questions which the church, and members of this body, can no longer stay away from. They must be faced, and what is more, if Christianity is to survive, they must be solved.

Today at 12:15 in the lecture room beside the Student Placement Office in the University Centre we will have the opportunity to hear such problems as these discussed by Rev. Dr. S.R. McLeod, a United Church minister. This meeting should prove most interesting and we hope it will resolve some of the enigmas caused by this spiritual crisis. That's today, at 12:15.

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### THE RENAISSANCE

Generally speaking the English-Canadian public hears only the most extreme statements made in Quebec. Little but the most extravagant lamentation pierces the language barrier.

But there is every evidence that the vast majority of French Canadians, while undergoing a great and very

desirable resurgence of spirit, have never embraced the cause of separatism, and that the moderate and thoughtful reconstructionists are now predominant in this great renaissance which can, wisely managed, do much to add strength and status to our whole nation.

So far, the basic ambition of the Lesage government is to lift rapidly the economic base of Quebec society and help it to achieve a more satisfying image of itself.

No nation composed of two peoples and two languages can expect to survive without occasional spasms of friction and dissent and difference. But it is the effective resolution of these differences, generation by generation, that is essential to the welfare of all Canadians and which is the test of real statesmanship.

History, in appraising the Lesage era, is likely to acclaim Premier Lesage as perhaps the greatest Canadian leader of his time--the man who did great things for his own people and who saved the Canadian nation from falling into fatal disunion.

Virtually unnoticed by English Canada is the great amount of hard thinking and really serious work now actually in progress in the Government of Quebec. The results of this endeavour by an eager and highly trained corps of men dedicated to the New Quebec are beginning to flow. All the results are by no means yet evident to the people of Quebec, let alone known to the rest of Canada.

It up to all Canadians to examine the present-day realities of Quebec, rather than denounce something which too few people really understand.

...The Financial Post

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The SCM FILM SOCIETY resumes activity today. Check the poster on the bulletin board--times of afternoon and evening showings are listed. Here's a chance to see another fine foreign film, accompanied by a French short.

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Advice to university graduates entering business:

"Strive to be a vice-president--he has ample scope for his talents and still has someone above to whom he can pass the buck."

--H.L. Lank,  
President, DuPont of Canada

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