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Field Trips to Toronto, Canada
and California

Toronto, Canada -- Arrived Friday, August 21st.

Monday, August 24 -- Metropolitan Toronto Police

Welcomed by Mr. James P. Mackey, Chief of Police.

I visited the Toronto Police Headquarters and the Youth Bureau. Talked with Mr. Ralph Booth, Director of the Youth Bureau.

The problem of juvenile delinquency in Canada and the role of the Youth Bureau was the topic covered.

The Youth Bureau is responsible directly to the Police Department but works closely with the Department of Correction and the Juvenile Court. When a boy or girl is arrested, the Youth Bureau makes an investigation, keeps the record and decides whether or not the child will be brought to court. The Juvenile Court may place the child on probation or may send the child to a training school through a reception center.

Coordination is made between the activities of the Youth Bureau and other agencies in order to avoid overlapping and conflict.

The same day I visited the Juvenile Court room during a hearing, and talked with Judge Shaw.

The court procedure is almost the same as in the United States. However, the case is not presented by a probation officer, but by a clerk. The process is informal, the judge doesn't wear a robe during the court session.

Tuesday, August 25th -- Ontario Training School for Boys

The visit was guided by Mr. Ralph Booth. The institution is well organized. It is composed of three sections: The academic section, the vocational section, and the recreational section. They have classrooms, workshops and gymnasiums. On the average, each boy stays 10 to 12 months in the institution.

Tuesday, August 25 -- School of Social Work, University of Toronto

I talked with Professor Stuart K. Jaffray and Professor Richard Medhurst.

We covered the topic of causes of juvenile delinquency.

I lunched with Prof. Jaffray and Acting Dean John S. Morgan. They are fine persons and Prof. Jaffray is an outstanding faculty member and has many experiences in the field of juvenile delinquency. The conversation I had with him was an interesting one.

East Lansing, Michigan -- Arrived Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

Meeting with Ph.D. Students in the morning in Vietnam Project Office. In the afternoon had conversation with Dr. Gabis, Acting Coordinator.

Sacramento, California -- Arrived Sunday, August 30th

Monday, August 31 -- Sacramento Youth Authority -- Program arranged by Wm. Tregoning

I talked with Mr. William L. Tregoning, deputy director and Mr. Wayne Harbert, Administrative Assistant. We discussed the topic of the treatment of juvenile delinquents.

The treatment of juvenile delinquents in the United States in general, and especially in California, has an individual basis.

The delinquent boy (or girl) is considered a sick child. He (or she) needs help, and care. Punishment is not a solution.

Tuesday, September 1st -- Fricot Ranch, School for Boys

This school for boys is located at San Andreas, California, about 50 miles from Sacramento. The visit was guided by Mr. Wayne Harbert. Fricot is the Youth Authority School designated for the youngest and most immature boys. The institution has a balanced program of counseling, school work, recreation and religious instruction. There is no vocational instruction because of the young age of the inmates. The school has a capacity of 170 boys.

The length of training for each boy is from 12 to 18 months. Each boy is provided with an academic school program to meet his particular needs. Remedial training is stressed.

The campus is beautiful. Besides large classrooms and a modern gymnasium, they have a swimming pool in open air. After a boy has been in the Fricot program for 30 days, he may go off campus with his parents.

Fricot is an excellent institution. The treatment applied is successful.

Wednesday, September 2nd -- Youth Authority

Northern Reception Center - clinic - situated about five miles from downtown.

The visit was guided by Mr. Wayne Harbert. This reception center is a residential facility for boys and girls who have been committed to the California Youth Authority by the Juvenile Courts of Northern California.

At the Northern Reception Center Clinic, each boy or girl is given a thorough psychological, sociological and educational diagnostic study by qualified professional personnel, including social workers, psychologists, chaplains, teachers, medical doctors, dentists, group living supervisors and if necessary, a psychiatrist.

The normal length of time required to complete the diagnostic report is about six weeks.

Boys and girls have separate programs. The Reception Center, consists of an administration building, hospital, and medical center, four dormitories, school building, dining rooms,..... Most of these buildings are new and well equipped.

Thursday, September 3 -- Juvenile Court

I talked with Mr. Thornton, probation officer, and Judge Brown. This visit was guided by Mr. Wayne Harbert. Wednesday evening I was the guest of Mr. and Mr. Harbert for dinner.