

Special Education Needed For 65,000 Handicapped Public School Children

Adequate provisions for the handicapped child in the field of special education and a broader service program for the cerebral palsied are two major problems confronting the North Carolina League for Crippled Children.

This was the conclusion of Albin Pikutis, executive director of the League who released an annual report on the progress of the League at State Headquarters here today.

"According to recent statistics of the State Department of Public Instruction, there are approximately 65,000 handicapped children in the state needing special attention in the public schools,"

Pikutis pointed out. "These children fall into such categories as speech defectives, slow learning, cerebral palsy, visually handicapped, crippled and hard of hearing."

During the school year 1949-50, there were 54 special teachers working with some 2,000 children as compared with 77 teachers for approximately 3,000 children in 1950-51, the report revealed. Of the 172 school units in the state, only 29 had some type of Special Education program in operation.

Pikutis reported that the League conducted six-week Demonstration - Workshop centers at four colleges, doubling its expenditures over the previous year in the field of teacher training. These centers were for children having orthopedic handicaps, speech disorders, hearing losses, spastic paralysis and cleft palate. Specialists and lecturers from other states participated in the program in which 78 teachers and 200 children were enrolled.

At present, the report said, "not one of our universities or col-

leges have adequate curricula dealing with Special Education which is being made available as a professional opportunity."

On the basis of national figures, and in place of accurate data, the report said, North Carolina has a case load of approximately 4,500 cerebral palsy victims and the few institutions treating and caring for these children can handle but a very small proportion of the total that need help.

"Much can be done to meet some of the needs," Pikutis said, "through parent education and the provision of therapists trained to work with the cerebral palsy child. He pointed out that six parent study groups were organized last year, and a number of institutes held where parents were encouraged to bring problems to the open, and where an application of existing facilities helped solve some of the problems.

"The need for technicians in speech, occupational, and physical therapy remains serious," Pikutis said. He called upon the universities to provide the necessary technicians and specialists.

International Meet Hears William Ruffin

New York, Dec. 5—William H. Ruffin, of Durham, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told 200 visiting Western European industrialists at the first international conference of manufacturers:

"The vigor of your efforts, the long strides you have taken, and the obvious determination with which you face the future, augurs well and happily not only for your own economic security—but for world peace."

Ruffin noted that the Economic Cooperation Administration's most recent report to the Congress of the United States attests to the remarkable fact that Western Europe's industrial production has increased more than 80 per cent since the end of 1946.

Ruffin, president of Erwin Mills, is one of 100 American industrialists serving as a committee of sponsors for the conference.

He further said, in his address to the distinguished visitors, "you have visited our plants and observed our methods, and we are mindful of the old proverb which tells us, that the eyes of the guest see clearest. Viewing our operation with objective detachment, as you undoubtedly have, there is great likelihood of your being able to make valuable suggestions which our concentration on current processes may have caused us to overlook. That we welcome your observations with keen expectancy is an understatement."

Ruffin pointed out that at a recent gathering of distinguished historians in California, it was declared that when the history of these years is written, high tribute must be paid to the industrial leadership that created the night to make the western world economically strong and—we hope impregnable against aggression.

"But this is no time to rest on our collective laurels," he emphasized. "We are here to devise ways and means of magnifying that industrial greatness. Only such strength can guarantee the continued existence of governmental systems, assuring economic and political climates in which human freedom can live. And only such strength—in the hands of free men—can assure the world peace for which all right-thinking people pray.

Is Injustice Being Done, Student Asks President

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—A 19-year old Harvard student, Paul K. McDonald of Newton, Mass., told President Truman he wasn't afraid of dying, but he didn't want to die in vain.

Dwight Hewitt, a friend of Paul's, was killed in action in Korea 15 months ago. Now that Paul himself expects to be drafted in 1952, he wonders whether Dwight's death was meaningless.

So a letter was written by Paul to the President:

"If I am called to service, will my devotion, and perhaps life, be wasted too? I do not believe that even patriotism is the unique prerogative of prominent men; I believe that even those who quietly die for their country must be considered patriots.

"Are those patriots dying for a nation that does not appreciate? I am anxious to serve my country in any way that will accomplish anything; but I am not anxious to die for the sake of dying.

"It appears to me that just as a man can betray his nation by failing to serve her in time of need, so can a nation betray a man by depriving his death of its purpose. I would hate to believe that we, who serve America, are being betrayed while we serve. Yet, I cannot see any alternative.

"This is what I humbly ask Mr. Truman: That you show me

the truth of the matter, that you explain why we do as we do, so that I, and others like me, can face the future with conviction and serve our country with the confidence that our sacrifice will not be in vain."

Dwight and others have been deprived of vindication "by their own leaders who forbade them to fight to the fullest of their capacity," Paul said.

"Are the fears of our Allies being given more protection than the lives of our citizens?" he asked.

"Or are we afraid of the Communists? If so, why?"

"Is giving them more time to prepare actually going to increase our chance of winning? . . .

"Why have we been humiliating ourselves so long by seeking a truce with people who have repeatedly stated that a treaty is only binding as long as it serves their purposes?"

"Why were the Communists allowed to slaughter thousands of innocent prisoners with impunity?"

These questions have led me to "wonder if a great injustice is being done to American youths like myself," he told Truman.

"This," he told the President, "is the question which I most respectfully beg you to resolve for me."

Glee Club Ends Quarter With Broadcast Sunday

Fall Quarter has been one of significant achievement for the Combined University Glee Clubs, full of harmony and melody under the able leadership of Director Joel Carter, the 175 member choral group has participated in several important campus programs and presented two of its own.

As part of the University Day celebration, the clubs performed in the program held on the steps at South Building last October. When Father Hesburgh delivered the University Sermon in November, the clubs performed again—this time in Hill Hall.

A thirty minute program which the singers recorded last month is scheduled for broadcast Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. over WPTF. Included among the selections will be the Alma Mater, several folk songs, among which are an old English Sea chanty, "The Mermaid," a Swiss Walking Song, and the Negro spiritual, "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho," two 15th century Latin numbers, the Prayer from Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," and a selection from Mozart's The Magic Flute, "Behold the Golden Sun."

The clubs climaxed their successful quarter with the traditional Christmas Concert in Hill Hall Wednesday night. The program was enthusiastically received by a near-capacity audience which joined with the

singers in the latter part of the program in the rendition of some familiar carols.

Next quarter, the Men's Glee Club plans to cooperate with the Greensboro College Glee Club in some exchange concerts around the last of February. Plans for the Women's Glee Club also include several public appearances.

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BUT-FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE—I BEG OF YOU, STOP EATING! YOU MAY BURP—AND YOU (SHUDDER!!) KNOW WHAT THAT'LL DO!!

CHUCKLE!!—OH, HOW WELL I KNOWS IT!! IF I'M JARRED, DE SLIGHTEST BIT, I'LL BLOW UP AN' WIT ME, DE WHOLE CITY INCLOODIN' DE SUBOIBS!!

STOP TREMBLIN' FOSDICK!!—I WON'T EAT NO MORE. I GOT PITY ON YA!!

TH-THANK YOU—ATOM BUM—

OH!!—WHAT AN IRONIC TWIST OF FATE, THAT I MUST BEG THIS CRIMINAL FOR PITY!!—AND ALSO PROTECT HIM WHILE HE COMMITS CRIMES!!—

Here's to a fine trip home, to happy holidays, to a happy new year, and to when you have returned and we may have once again the pleasure of serving you.

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Merry Christmas

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