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## BACK FROM CANADA

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with Government support, and is engaged at present on a comprehensive research programme into the lives of young Canadians. The object is two-fold—to help youths to help themselves, and to furnish the Government with information useful for helping them to adjust themselves after the war. The Commission is tackling the job from four angles—through the Church Groups, the Youth Organisation, the Armed Forces, and the Labour Union Group. Conferences are taking place throughout the country in which students, war workers, servicemen and women get together and discuss

post-war jobs, minority groups (French and refugees), family life, men and women relationships, religion in the life of youth, and so on. They work out balanced programmes of work and leisure.

"I went to one of these meetings in British Columbia," explained Miss Campbell. "It was for the 16 to 19-year-olds and there were 600 of them there. A panel of research specialists opened up the discussions and the young people came back with forceful replies. They really did talk with animation and intelligence."

### Canada and New Zealand

"How then do Canadians feel towards New Zealand," we asked, "that's if they feel anything about us at all? Their tendency seems to be to look eastwards rather than westwards."

"Yes, that's quite true. All Canada's interests lie either in America or across the Atlantic, which is natural enough, especially considering her proximity to the United States. The people in the north just can't figure out the southern hemisphere. 'Don't tell me you have Christmas in summertime over there,' they say to me. You see all their life is centred in the northern hemisphere. England, too, the country many of them still call Home, is in the north. So altogether there hasn't been much personal contact between Canada and New Zealand since the last war. But with the New Zealand servicemen taking up quarters in Canada there is a much more intelligent interest in New Zealand. I saw numbers of R.N.Z.A.F. boys in Canada and they were very popular. They've certainly made a hit. And I might add that there is no feeling in Canada against New Zealand boys marrying Canadian girls. By the way, for a real piece of New Zealand atmosphere, the New Zealand Legation in Washington would be hard to beat. The publicity that is being produced there is equal to anything I have seen anywhere."

"But to get back to Canada, the Canadians know that Auckland and Wellington are in New Zealand, but as to which island they can't say at all. However, social security is an important topic in Canada just now, and everywhere I went I was questioned about New Zealand's policy. Everyone looks to New Zealand for guidance in this matter. The Canadians are also very much interested in the Maoris and their place in the community. Everyone has heard of the Maori Battalion."

### Few Signs of Shortages

"They were very surprised to hear of the food and clothing shortages over here, and they had no idea of the shipping difficulties. Rubber and chocolate are very scarce there, and canned goods are hard to get except in winter when fresh food is very scarce, but clothes, except shoes, are not rationed. When I arrived in Canada with my wooden comb and no 'bobby' pins it was all I could do to control myself from buying up everything I saw. What I particularly noticed was the beautiful paper used in all the magazines, the fine photos, and the 26-page newspapers. The Canadians thought there was a shortage but I couldn't see much difference from five years ago. On the other hand, of course, the number of people doing essential war jobs just can't be imagined out here, and the amount of work they put through is amazing."

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