

# Hull Urges Support for Humanities Foundation

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, has urged support for the establishment of a National Humanities Foundation as proposed by the Commission on the Humanities.

"The study of history, philosophy, the arts and languages is not solely the province of the university and graduate student," Dr. Hull said. "A basic grounding in humanities begins in the elementary and secondary schools. An appreciation of literature, the social studies and the arts provides lifelong satisfaction for anyone, no matter what career he chooses."

"Torrance could benefit in several ways if the Humanities Foundation were established," said Dr. Hull. "Such a foundation will make fellowships available for our teachers to do advanced study and research during the summer vacations," he pointed out. Funds would also be set aside to improve the school and local libraries.

The Foundation will be proposed to President Johnson by a special commission of leading educators, business men and scientists. The Commission, headed by Barnaby C. Keeney, president of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, compiled a detailed report documenting the need to give federal support to the study of humanities.

The Commission's year-long study was sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States and the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

THE COMMISSION found that stress on the sciences in American education has drawn attention from the humanities throughout the entire education system, from elementary schools to the post graduate level. To correct the situation, the Commission suggested that the President and Congress provide federal funds for an independent National Humanities Foundation, similar to the National Science Foundation.

The organization would be responsible for granting support to the visual and performing arts as well as the humanities which include the study of languages, literature, history and philosophy; the history, criticism and theory of art and music; and the history and comparison of religion and law.

DR. HULL also said that this program in no way opposes the development of science; however, they are complementary areas both of which need attention. American Society today is speaking and becoming more articulate through foundations. When we see society deciding something is important enough to establish a foundation and a building devoted to it in Washington, D. C. that means Americans think it is important.

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