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Recommendation

Adaptation of Home Economics Teaching Methods to the psychological Development of young People

Recommendations of the Congress:

The VIIth International Congress of Home Economics notes that great efforts have been made in all quarters to enable all humanity to benefit from the progress of civilisation in general and from technical advances in particular. Congress considers that instruction in Home Economics is a particularly effective means of placing the progress of civilisation and technical advances at the service of mankind.

The Congress welcomes this movement which corresponds to a legitimate aspiration of humanity; it calls upon the members of the Federation to do all within their power to further it.

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The Congress desires to see education in Home Economics spread ever more widely among young people and among adults. It recommends an increasingly general use of all forms of such education in domestic economy by all available means (such as public information services, bulletins, leaflets, lectures, discussions, advisory services, radio and films, etc.).

The Congress wishes to see closer contact between consumers and scientific research into all spheres which interest domestic instruction, so that technical advances may be put at the service of women, and especially of housewives, in continually improving forms.

Technical science must ease the burden and relieve women of excessive tasks which overpower them, hinder the full development of their personality and prevent them from putting their own very personal gifts at the service of family and community.

Technical science must assist the housewife in reaching her mission, which is to make the household a home where each member of the family can live in comfort and in security.



Technical Science must aid women to humanise technical progress, to adapt it for the material and moral improvement of all and for the preservation and further development of the highest values of life.

The Congress considers that Home Economics education will achieve its objective among young people and mothers in proportion as it takes full account of the laws governing psychological development and also of the environmental conditions emerging from different surroundings.

It is important that all who are concerned with education shall be better informed henceforth about such laws and about such environmental conditions, in order to conform their activities to them and to take account of them when choosing their methods and procedures.

The Congress welcomes the progress that has hitherto been made along these lines.

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