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Attached is the text of the University Report which Dr. J. W. T. Spinks, president of the University of Saskatchewan, will deliver at the annual fall Convocation ceremony on Saturday, October 21.
It gives me great pleasure first of all to bring greetings to you - graduands, alumni and friends of the University attending Convocation - and I do so most warmly. In spite of all the comments about surplus of graduates, we still seem to need plenty of them - by we, I mean the community, of course, and we need them with better and better training. No one wants to go back to witch-doctors instead of M.D.'s and hospitals and everyone not only wants but expects to get the best of health care. And I haven't yet come across anyone who wants to cut back on our standard of living - even the ardent supporters of the non-work culture would be most offended if the rest of us sat back and made it awkward for them to do their thing in relative comfort!

I was reminded strongly of this by two things which happened this Fall - a seminar put on by the Hon. Mr. Gillespie, Minister of Science and Technology, at which the role of universities in relation to science was discussed and which indicated that the Federal Government saw an increasingly important role for science, and the second thing - a report by Corry and Bonneau on Research Rationalization in the Universities. This latter made it abundantly clear that universities would have to develop research policies and that some effort would have to be made in planning research with a view to coordinating the research efforts of universities - particularly those in a region. It further stated that some part of the research effort would have to be related to the needs of the country. This is, of course, old hat in Saskatchewan, and I was delighted to see that the C.B. report gave the University of Saskatchewan full marks in this respect.
May I now address a few words to the graduands.

We shall shortly come to the most significant part of these proceedings at which you, the graduands, will receive your degrees. You will thereby become members of Convocation and will join an illustrious group of graduates of this University. They include a former Prime Minister of Canada, a Premier of this Province, several University Presidents, well known writers, artists and actors, business executives and most recently the Chairman of Hockey Canada who can claim something more than an assist in the recent Russian-Canadian Hockey series.

As members of Convocation you will have certain rights, e.g. you will have the right to participate in the election of the Chancellor and the members of Senate and may indeed occupy these offices yourselves. Members of Senate in turn elect a certain number of members of the Board of Governors and so participate in the governance of the University. We trust that as members of Convocation you will do your best to maintain the customs, privileges and liberties of your University and that you will conduct yourselves in all things loyally to the honor of your University, the encouragement of learning and the good of your country.