The clergy speak out



By Rev. Peter Brouwer B.A., B.D. Bethel Christian Reformed Church

BEYOND THE NEW MORALITY

The term 'New Morality' is for many people simply a convenient catch-all for loose morals. As such it appears to be merely a different name for an ancient 'thing' called immorality. And with a shrug of the shoulder the issue is discarded and ignored. That is an easy way out but it is also irresponsible and un-Christian. For the Bible tells us that as Christians we must test the spirits to see whether they be of God. We may not merely condemn or praise lightly what we see in and around us.

But before we say anything about the 'New Morality' we'd like to zero in on the morality advocated by the so-called Keiller Mackay report on religous education in the public schools of Ontario. This report makes a great deal of moral development as an aim of education in the public schools. It calls this character building of students one of the high duties of public education.

The present program of religous education in the public school system alms among others at Christian indoctrination, claims the report. In view of the fact that our society is made up of people with various religious leanings other than specifically Christian, the present program of Christian indoctrination must be abandoned in favor of a program of moral development and religous information, in the judgment of this report.

In principle I agree with the criticism that Christian indoctrination in a public school system forced by law upon those who are of a different religious stance is discriminatory and wrong. But I would also maintain that the recommended substitute program of moral development and religous information is just as biased and discriminatory as the present one. In fact it is worse because it hides under a cloak of supposed neutrality.

Who is going to determine and define this moral development?

The report recognizes this difficulty also by saying that character building "defles clear defination." But in the very next sentence we are told that "All readers. . . that desirable qualities of may agree.

character encompass a high degree of moral development and an awareness of those ethical ideals which are generally commended by society."

If we then ask what exactly this moral development is we read that it is equated with the ability to reason morally. We are told that in the process of moral reasoning certain values or principles emerge, and "socially desirable behaviour patterns are a natural consequence of a successful program" of moral development. But do we then still need any moral standards besides

this ability to reason morally?

Yes, says the report, and these standards are the "values of justice." Because justice "Is an absolute which enjoys the unique characteristic of being capable of being defended at every time and in every situation." More simply then, the report's contention is that if people are educated to be reasonable - which should be possible since they are all rational beings - then they will develop morally in the right way.

This sounds pretty good, and there is some truth in it, also. But if we may, for a minute, call this a 'New Morality' as distinct from the old specific Christian Morality, then I think we must go beyond this 'New Morality' to the spirit which promotes this kind of morality and moral development.

I do not presume to judge the authors of this report; let that be clear. But the spirit of this report, I believe, is; we don't need God's revelation and the contents of the Bible in moral development, all we need is man's reason and the consensus of society. With a big word, that is plainly the religion of Humanism and Rationalism. And although I am human and rational I will not buy that idnd of religion.

Basically, I believe, we are all religious beings and my religion is Christianity and not Humanism. For moral standards I do not trust my reason nor the consensus of society but God's revelation as it informs the Christian community. If you belong to that community or sympathize with it I challenge you to test the spirit of this report whether it is of God and then to act according to your conviction.

Acton O.P.P. Report

The Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police report another very busy week from September 13 to September 20. The majority of the working

hours were spent on general occurrences, much to the entoyment of the motorist. In the week only five traffic charges and seven warnings issued. No accidents were reported, this being the third accident free week in town.

Four cases of break and enter and theft at homes in the town are under investigation and I again want to urge you to call this office when you see or hear anything of a suspicious nature. We need your help in this matter so let's all get together and put this sneak thief where he belongs.

Disturbances ranging from drunks to domestic squabbles were investigated and two charges were laid for loltering on Mill Street. Two local men who were fighting on the main street were arrested and charged with 'Causing a Disturbance'. An outof-town motorist was charged with impaired driving and two liquor seizures were made.

On Monday, September 14 It was judgement day for several local motorists. Six drivers were suspended from driving from periods from three months to three years. A total of \$820 in fines were paid, and another motorist will spend the next 60 days in the local jail reflecting his bad driving habits.

Driveral Winter driving will soon be with us again but it need not be hazardous if you always adjust to winter conditions as they occur. The most common are poor visibility, alippery roads and longer hours of darkness. That extra care in driving is vital during the coming winter. Avoid excessive speed and be alert for the driver who is not alert for you.

Quarry hearing continues

An application before the Ontario Municipal Board to rezone 100 acres in Nassagaweya from a quarry holding zone to an active quarry continues today.

The application by Cloverleaf Quarries Ltd. is being opposed by the Township, the Halton Region Conservation Authority and the

presided over by chairman H. E. Roberts and Board member W.

Evidence given by J. W. Kirk, president of International Water Supply, indicated the water level in a well at the Mohawk Raceway would be affected by dewatering operations necessary to operate the quarry. A letter and report by Mr. Kirk differed on the extent of interference in the well but Mr. Kirk maintained the interference should be limited to five to 10 feet in the drawdown depth of the well. He acknowledged, however,

Supports quarry D. Griffin, secretary-treasurer of Richvale Ready Mix, a major purchaser from Campbellville Gravel maintained most of the aggregate used by his firm came from the Campbellville firm and was the closest to Toronto with an acceptable level. He supported the need to develop the new area

for quarrying. G. Batley of Warnock-Hershey suggested most of the stone for the Metro area comes from the escarpment area. Tests on the area proposed for new quarrying indicated a supply of 32.5 million tons which he termed a large deposit. On the subject of blasting he suggested a weekly blast of 9,000 pounds of dynamite would be required to meet anticipated weekly production needs of 35,000 tons. This could be reduced to four blasts with three delays and each blast 2,250 pounds. He maintained this would not damage any structures in the

Dismissal asked A motion to dismiss the application was rejected by the board at the opening of the bearing. The Board ruled the sale of the property by Cloverleaf to plication.

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The Guidance Program Council of the

> HALTON COUNTY **BOARD of EDUCATION**

invites all interested to attend a public meeting Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. at Milton District High School, Milton, at which time the Report of the 1969-1970 Guidance Council will be presented for discussion. Refreshments will be served. Coples of the report have been placed in each public and high school in the county.

> C. Hokansson, Chairman (416) 634-5588.



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NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR

FRIDAY NIGHT

Lorne Scots Military Band

8 P.M. **4-H Silver Dollar Competition** Midway and Hall Exhibits open

Free Press

Church News

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

ANGLICAN Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 Harvest Sunday 9.00 a.m.-Holy Eucharist. 10.30 a.m.-Matins,

Registration of Church School for

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Minister - Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D. Acton, Ontario

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 10.00 a.m.-Morning Worship Service. Nursery and pre-school Sunday School.

11.10 a.m.-Sunday School.

2.30 p.m.—Afternoon Worship Service. 7.30 p.m.—Teen Meet at the church. Tuesday evening, 7-10 p.m. - Catechism Classes.

Come, worship and study with us to be better equipped to serve God and men.

Everyone Welcome

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH Churchill Road North Minister:

The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D. 124 Tidey Ave. Phone 853-2386

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 11.00 a.m.-Worship Service and Church School. Service in charge of Smith Griffin

and Charles Thompson. Visitors are Welcome at all Church Gathering at the Church on the Hill

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Minister: The Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D. Director of Music: Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 Anniversary Service 10.00 a.m.-Morning Worship.

Special Music. 10.00 a.m.-Nursery, 10.00 a.m.--Church School (to Grade 4). 11.00 am.—Church School (Grades 5-8). We Welcome You and Your Family to Take Part in the Life and Worship

of Trinity

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH 80 Mill St. W.

Founded 1842 Pastor Rev. Frank M. Byrne, B.A., B.Th. Parsonage, Cheltenham 416-838-2068 Church Office 853-0860

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 9.45 a.m.-Morning Worship. "Nevertheless".

11.00 a.m.-Sunday School, Rally Day Family Service. Wednesday evening-Deacons' meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m.-Choir rehearsal. Saturday, September 26 - Picnic at Smallwood Acres.

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

A Cordial Invitation To All

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 10.00 a.m.-Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship.

7.00 p.m.-Evangelistic Service. Tuesday, 8 p.m.-Prayer Service and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 pm.—Christ Ambassadors. John II, 1: 9 - Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth

the Father and Son.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH 81 Maple Ave., Georgetown Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnes

in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.

9.45 a.m.-Sunday School. All ages. 11.00 a.m.-Morning Service. 7.00 p.m.—Evening Evangel. Georgetown 877-6665

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1970 9.45 a.m.—"Promotion Day" in Church School. Classes for Nursery - Kindergarten and Grades 1 through 8. 11.00 a.m. - Divine Worship. Sermon theme, "Who Is Your

Organist and Choir Master

Everyone Most Welcome

Leader?"

FAIR ACTIVITIES

TO

Jockey Club. The opening day hearing, attended by about 40 at the township offices Tuesday, was

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this could be wrong.

Campbellville Gravel in October of last year did not disqualify them from continuing the ap-

The hearing will continue

Served on

Grounds

OFFICIAL OPENING SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 at 2 p.m. VINCE MOUNTFORD Master of Ceremonies See **Exhibits** of **New Models** Farm Machinery Etc., Etc. FUN Exhibits of **FOR** Livestock Farm Products 4-H Club Exhibits Women's Work School Work and many other interesting displays SATURDAY Milton Girls' PIPE BAND attendance MIDWAY and RIDES Happyland Hot Meals and Lunches

The Secretary's Office at the agricultural grounds will be open from Wednesday, Sept. 23

7.30 P.M.