

K. Campbell demands his 'day in court'

Rev. Ken Campbell wants his "day in court" after being rebuked by Halton Board of Education Thursday for alleged dishonesty.

He expressed dismay that the board fact-finding committee's investigations into charges he made against the head of Halton's values education program Dr. John Meyer, "could prepare and present your motion, of censure to the board without affording the accused their day in court."

Last month Rev. Campbell sent a letter to various officials charging that at a meeting of Halton Home and School Association Dr. Meyer blamed the teaching of traditional Judeo-Christian moral values in school for the first and second world wars. In a letter to board Chairman Judy Alexander he requested a hearing before the board this Thursday so that we might have the basic Canadian right to trial before being condemned... or at least, having been condemned without a trial, — a hearing, before being heard.

Thursday the board both rebuked both Rev. Campbell and Halton Renaissance Committee "for persistent dishonesty and personal

abuse in the deliberate mis-information of the public." The board also said it wouldn't tolerate any longer the abuse of open access to the board by a very small group of people. The board was referring to Renaissance's many dealings with the trustees. Renaissance takes issue with being referred to as a small group of people when they claim a membership of over 800 people in Halton.

Rev. Campbell says he is amazed that during the three weeks the board's special committee investigated his allegations against Dr. Meyer he was never consulted or questioned.

He says the fact-finding committee ignored two letters sent to the board by Betty Hansford and Betty Reade which substantiated his charge against Dr. Meyer.

According to the two letters Dr. Meyer supposedly made the statement Rev. Campbell finds objectionable in response to a question from Mrs. Reade after the Home and School Council meeting had finished. Mrs. Hansford's letter states she overheard Dr. Meyer's remark and Rev. Campbell says the board rebuked the two letters long before it censured him

Thursday. He says he is shocked the fact-finding committee never contacted the two ladies who support his allegations.

He says the fact the board passed the motion rebuking him so quickly makes him think the trustees hadn't had a chance to check the facts sent to the board in the letters from Mrs. Reade and Mrs. Hansford.

"On checking with three trustees, (Clelland, Crosler and Goodin) we realize our assessment of the cause for the uncharacteristically unfair conduct of the board in the handling of this issue was correct—the trustees had not had the opportunity to peruse the pertinent information when presented with the motion."

In an interview Thursday, after the board had rebuked him, Rev. Campbell said the charge of dishonesty on his part and the board's inadequate fact-finding investigation "would be amusing if it wasn't so tragic." He said the board's rash action wasn't so much a reflection on all the trustees but on the fact-finding committee.

Rev. Campbell admitted he anticipated the board's actions and was sure the committee had made up its mind on the verdict long before it received evidence in support of his case. "They had the letters well in advance of the two ladies so they have called the two ladies liars."

He said he isn't considering any immediate legal action and compared the board's move against him to a kangaroo court.



LAWRENCE HEMSLEY man's the driver's seat on the Christmas bus. The bus, a joint effort of local merchants, travels on a regular schedule through the town, picking up and dropping off passengers.

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"This board is destroying families and education in Halton and we don't care how many enemies we make, we will break the domination, assertion and power of this board. The best way to handle this will be at the ballot box next year and I hope the public wakes up to what is happening in Halton education."

No trial date set

Horst Baron, charged with the attempted murder of his wife and two other people on October 27, appears regularly in court at Milton. He is remained in custody each time. Trial date has not yet been set.

—A total of 441 donors attended a blood donor clinic in Georgetown last week. This includes 29 first-time donors.

Question period continues — board tightens up content

Halton Board of Education decided Thursday to continue its 15 minute question period but to take a hard line and prevent people from using it as an opportunity for expressing opinions.

The board decided the chairman should be much stricter in making sure only genuine questions are asked. In a report, Chairman Judy Alexander informed the trustees 60 questions dealing with eight different topics have been asked by 13 people at the nine meetings since question period was born last August.

Questions dealing with the controversial book *Go Ask Alice*, busing of pupils in Burlington and the board's headquarters expansion in Burlington have been repeated in various forms on numerous occasions.

Trustee Richard Goodin thought the question period was a good thing but believed the chairman shouldn't allow controversial topics to be brought up repeatedly. He

added the public should have the right to ask questions about board policy and procedures.

Trustee Rev. Garry Morton said question period isn't the proper time to hear delegations present position papers or make statements on board policy. He said he was in favor of question period continuing as long as the chairman exercised stricter control and adherence to the guidelines set out for question period.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar thought the question period should continue but not be used by residents as a platform for their views.

Constant repetition of topics and outbursts by some people concerned Trustee Bill Friesner who suggested if there are outbursts of anger and shouting by the public at meetings, again question period should immediately be cancelled.

Trustees agreed that while question period hasn't met their expectations as a means

of the public getting answers to genuine questions it should be continued with the chairman exercising more control of the types of questions asked.

In the future the chairman will not read two page statements that just happen to end with a question mark and topics which have previously been discussed won't be brought up at question period.

Electrical work done

All the electrical work at the new scout hall addition is completed. Venturers were putting up sheeting this week.

Electrical work was done by Ken Murchison, Lyle Preuter and Tim McIntyre, with the assistance of others.

—Streets are often icy at this time of year, drive carefully.

Joyous time of year

Christmas can be a joyous time of year.

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