

# Blanket Approval Of Books Is Condemned

Unresponsiveness of the "public educational system" has been shown further by a reversal of the Halton Board of Education's position concerning a 107-page booklet.

Condemnation of the board's blanket approval of the list was expressed by Ken Campbell of the Halton Renaissance Committee.

Approval of the list apparently was based on two considerations, he said.

1. The emphatic judgment expressed by superintendent of program John Boich that after monitoring opinion expressed in the media, discussion at the school level, and other sources of input, "I have become convinced that this community wants no part of censorship."

2. The assurances by Mr. Boich that "any book on the list is negotiable if the student or his parents find it morally objectionable." (What student studying "Playboy" in a Grade 11 "communications class" is going to find his studies "morally objectionable?" What student enjoying such exotic pleasures as are provided for them in the permissive atmosphere of the schools is going to jeopardize the availability of such "goodies" by even mentioning to the narrow-minded old fogies at home the sort of reading

material which makes the communications course such a "winner?")

**SUFFICIENT**

These considerations were sufficient to convince all who had protested the list at the board meeting two weeks earlier, except for trustee Dick Goodin (Tom Watson was unavoidably absent) - that the entire list should be approved, said Mr. Campbell. This approval, following the initial refusal by the trustees to approve the list, has left the public pretty nonplussed and disillusioned. "I challenge the trustees to explain why Mr. Boich's private, informal opinion survey is to be taken more seriously than the responsible and representative 'every householder' Renaissance survey."

"The recently published preliminary survey findings in this regard demonstrate conclusively that the public overwhelmingly is in favor of a discriminatory book selection policy which rejects the presence in the schools of recent novels which debase human sexuality and degrade human dignity."

"In fact, the report of this survey indicates that by a two to one margin, (315 to 162) the

public thinks that "school authorities should be responsible for removing such novels from the curriculum and libraries." In view of this information, which was in the hands of each of the trustees several days before they approved the list, the public might have expected the board to have directed Mr. Boich to see that such books presently in the schools be removed and that no further books of that description be ordered," Mr. Campbell said.

**QUOTATION**

In our concern for the advance of civilization by means of quality education based on the quest for the highest and noblest in recommended literature for our children, Mr. Campbell said he concurs with the opinion of regional councillor, A.W. McCreary:

"I don't dispute that the normal healthy adult may be able to make choices that will keep him mentally and spiritually healthy. However, 'as the twig is bent, so grows the tree', and here we must look to ensure that the child develops into that healthy-minded adult, able to make reasonably good choices in his reading material. For those who say the students should have a free choice of all available books, I draw a parallel. Do you not agree that it is the parent's right, nay duty, to attend to the physical health of the child during his growing years? To see that he is fed a balanced diet to nurture bone and muscle to withstand a lifetime of wear and tear, rather than to allow him a free choice to go the 'coke and chips' route?"

"If you agree - does it not follow that during these same formative years, it is the parents' duty to see that the child is also nurtured with a healthy diet of literature for his mental and spiritual welfare, rather than allow him to drift in free choice - perhaps to take the trashy trail to intellectual depravity or bankruptcy?"

A comment by Robert Sinclair in this connection also is relevant, said Mr. Campbell. He said: "The use of professionals for criteria and

values may be helpful, but needs to be tempered with common sense. To bow down to the altar of the expert is both sacrilege and foolhardy. The insights which they may bring must be diluted with the recognition of their vested interests and power-dominating philosophy."

Secondly, in the matter of such questionable reading material being optional, Sinclair again makes the point for responsibility:

**APPROPRIATE**

"There is appropriate reading matter for the appropriate age. The danger in the present set-up is that the child in school could be assigned printed material for study which is both contrary to their value system and repugnant to them. Peer pressure and desire for success could create agonizing pressures for the student."

If, as trustee Jim Clelland noted, trustees make their decisions based on what the students want, (that's where we place our faith - in the students) - Clelland, why not let the students elect the trustees, and leave it to the trustees to figure out how to pay for the system. "Because here's one parent who refuses to pay another cent of property taxes for an educational system run by the children and dominated by the childish experimentation of the smart-aleck, self-righteous, self-important, self-serving bureaucrats who exploit the immaturity of our children at our expense to build their own

snug and snug little empires," said Mr. Campbell.

Trustee Tony Goodyear observed that "it seems there is not as much hue and cry from the community as some people suppose." What does he want, marches? book-burnings? window-smashings? The public assumes that our elected trustees will quietly and efficiently fulfill their duties in representing the interests of the parents and taxpayers without having to be prodded by power-pressure tactics from the public. But if the trustees are going to cave in to the pressures of our paid civil servants and serve them instead of us, they'll be hearing enough "hue and cry" to satisfy them for a long long time.

Since the launching of the renaissance committee in late March, "we have, at great expenditure of time and resources, sought to familiarize ourselves with the strengths and weaknesses of our educational system and to prepare constructive reform proposals for the consideration of the board. We had hoped that by sweet reasonableness such a brief could be presented and negotiated with the trustees. But if the trustees only respond to hue and cry tactics from the public, we'll have to consider and prepare contingency plans which take this trustee attitude into account," said Mr. Campbell.



**JAYCEES ELECT OFFICERS**

The Georgetown Jaycees elected a new board of officers last Tuesday night at Pong's restaurant on Mountainview South. Left to right are past president Jim Barrow, first vice-president Phil Walker and second vice-president Nick Leoni. Absent were secretary Wayne Haviland and treasurer Jack McWilliams. (Herald Photo)

men and women, the average grade of emphysema rose directly with the degree of cigarette smoking.

One unexpected finding showed that relatively young women in their early thirties who were heavy smokers showed advanced forms of emphysema; until recently, emphysema in women at young ages was a rare event. Women

who were nonsmokers but much older, in contrast, had no indications of advanced disease. Early stages of emphysema were also noted in young men who smoked several packs a day; this was almost never seen in nonsmoking men the same age. Some degrees of emphysema were even present in men at ages 24 who smoked several packs a day.

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## Years Of Heavy Smoking Take Toll In Emphysema

Autopsies of people who die from emphysema show the effects of cigarette smoking on their lungs. New studies of apparently healthy smokers also show emphysema at work. It usually takes years for emphysema to develop. Years of heavy smoking. By the time shortness of breath becomes a constant complaint, the disease is well-developed. But new research shows the disease is in progress when there are no symptoms at all, and at young ages. In a recent report, researchers studied lung sections from autopsies of 214 adults who were victims of homicide or sudden, accidental death. They recorded the victims' age, previous illness, long-term place of residence, occupation, complete autopsy findings, cause and circumstance of death. From the next of kin, they documented the person's smoking habits. Then, they determined the degree of emphysema in the lungs. Lighter smokers showed intermediate grades of emphysema. Heavy smokers had much higher ones. For both

## Resources Grant Made To Conservation Body

Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East and minister of government services reports that ministry of natural resources has approved a provincial grant in the amount of \$10,000 for Halton Region Conservation Authority offices in the town of Milton.

The authority has secured new premises at 310 Main St., in the town of Milton. This move will necessitate the authority carrying out some modifications to the premises, the purchasing of some new furnishings and equipment, and some expenditure in connection with the moving and relocation of the office telephone services and radio antenna as well as other minor expenditures.

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