Renaissance upset over board action to reject withdrawal of censure

Editor's Note: The following letter has been sent to The Herald for publication Mrs. Judy Alexander Chairman, The Halton Board of Education.

Dear Mrs. Alexander: I note in the Oakville Journal Record (Dec. 21) that in rejecting Trustee Goodin's

we are holding the members of Thank you for help

To the editor of The Herald: You may recall that I wrote you recently in order to get in touch with a relative of mine whose married name I did not know.

Thanks to your kindness in publishing my letter, several of your considerate readers

intormed Mrs. Cathy Hunt of

December, 1975, motion of

censure against me and the

Halton Renalssance Com-

"trustees decided that nothing

had changed with HRC and

could see no reason to with-

This is to serve notice that

draw their censure."

mittee

in touch.

withdrawn.

Compliments of the season to you and to the good people of Georgetown. Yours very truly

the situation and we have been

H. A. Mustard Welland, Ontario

sible for "changes" that we decency to contact me to find will be making in our reporting across Ontario and Canada of the antics of the Board whose arrogant rejection of parental concerns precipitated the formation of Renaissance. It's a matter of record that in

response to the request of the principal of the high school in which the incidents occurred triggering the establishment of Renaissance, I did not publish either his name nor that of the school (named in honour of the father of one of the trustees). in Tempest in a Teapot. (See footnote, page 21)

Moreover in a footnote on page 39, I stated my decision to protect the identity of the Director of Education who had misrepresented my views,

Woman claims ridicule by energy minister

Davis

out what my concerns were),

and maligned my character in

the press. To this day that civil

servant has neither been

corrected by the Trustees to

whom he is answerable for his

conduct, nor has there been an

apology from the Board to the

thousands of parents who were

offended by this flasco.

Premier of Ontario: On the 16th of Dec a Brandford FM radio station CKPC carried a telephone interview between myself and the Minister of Energy Hon. Dennis Timbrell concerning the proposed Bradley-Milton 500Ky

On that program I voiced increased because Ontario to corner.

Mr. Timbrell however, called me "highly irresponsible"

motion asking that the this outgoing Board respon- (without having had the considerations for which I protected the identity of the successor to the abovementioned Director.

Later, we carefully maintained the anonymity of the teacher whose psychological bullying had reduced a student to tears in a classroom, as well as the identity of the high school in which the events occurred. (The details of those two incidents, signed by 2 witnesses is filed in the office

irresponsible" simply because

he or she voices concern for

I would appreciate an early

reply to my letter as I do NOT

think Mr. Timbrell has any

right to talk like this especially

since the facts do not support

Theresa Manion

the future?

Furthermore in a footnote on page 184 I stated the humane

An Open letter to Hon. Wm. G. for being worrled about my future and that of my family.

Has the time finally arrived when a member of your Cabinet can ridicule honest fears by Ontario Citizens especially when he cannot prove these fears are unfounded? Do you as Premier think it is proper for a Minister of the Crown to call a Citizen "highly

what I consider to be very legitimate concerns for the health and safety of myself and my three small children. These concerns are greatly Hydro is still insisiting on crossing our land from corner his statement!

A very worried Mother

of our solicitor.) When questioned at a Board meeting about these incidents, the Director of Education stated that if there were action taken to discipline such a teacher, it

would not be taken publicly. But this same Board PUBLICLY SLANDERED A PARENT for his criticisms of one of its employees, (Dr. Meyer), and has now rejected Trustee Goodin's motion that that censure be withdrawn. Moreover the Board passed that motion of censure without so much as providing "the necused parent his day in court". It's obvious that parents don't have UNION backing as do teachers! It's a reflection on the shameful self-Teachers Federation that

teachers been so despicably reform, WE WILL BE abused by the Board, they ignore the plight of a defenseless parent whose interests they claim to serve!

the next edition of Tempest. I have no intetion of withthe names of the Board drawing my undertaking to members responsible for that protect the identity of those infamous, unfounded motion of members of the ministration and those schools noted herein. I am determined that we will not stoop to the degrading antics of this Board nor resort to its Mafia tactics of intimidation against the parent who refuses to cave in ventilated. So be it.

to its brutal power politics. But in the interests of maintaining our integrity as a responsible citizens committee, and to demonstrate the sickness of the reactionary interest which dominates the educational establishment with which we have had to while they would have raised cope in our constructive quest the roof had one of their for reasonable educational

censure. Such "wickedness In high places" needs to be publicly rebuked and the despicable behind-the-scenes. manipulations by which the public school system is administered needs to be publicly

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was forwarded to The Herald for publication.

Dec. 20, 1976 The Honourable William G. Davis Premier, The Province of Ontario,

QUEEN'S PARK, Toronto

Dear Mr. Davis: On behalf of the thousands of members and supporters of our non-sectarian, nonpartisan citizen committees throughout Ontario, "representing the civilized concerns of the silent majority and the civil rights of the silenced minorities", this is to register our strong protest

Masson irks Norva! residents

The following is a letter sent to The Herald for publication.

Mr. Allan Masson, Chairman, The Regional Municipality of Halton 3027 Harvester Road,

Burlington, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Masson, A release in the Oakville Beaver of September 29th, 1976, of your address to a Real Estate Seminar in Oakville has just come to my attention. As President of the Norval Community Association, I protest to your using our Community as an example of the problems the Regional Government faces in develop-

ment of the north. I protest vigorously to your negative slur that "it would be far easier to move into Norval, buy up every house, send all the people somewhere else, and tear all the houses down."

I suggest Mr. Masson that it would have been far easier for Norval to get water and other ameneties if there had been no Regional Government created. This is not just my view but a view held by many close to the functioning and effectiveness of Regional Government in

May I suggest Mr. Masson when speaking of Norval, do so when you are here so we can benefit from your remarks and you can benefit from our

Our next public meeting is to be held January 27th, 1977 at 7.30 p.m. at the Norval School Community Centre and you are cordially invited to attend.

Cordially, Hugh A. McFarlane President

over the blatant religious discrimination practised by your government in the policies pursued by the Ministry of Education. We refer to the distressing report in this morning's news

that Mr. Wells is refusing to grant to the Associated privileges appropriately provided for Roman Catholics, - namely the right to educate their children according to the religious and philosophic commitment of the home. Indeed, as is so strongly noted by Tom Harpur in the enclosed reprint of a Toronto Star comment column, the religion of secularism is given a preferred position as the "state religion" in the Ontarto

public school system. In our commitment to seek "justice for all', Renaissance favors the extension through Grade 13 of the present rights granted Roman Catholics

which would enable them to operate their schools without the economic discrimination they presently face in the last three years of high school. But we also advocate the granting of the same privileges to non-Catholic Christian, Jewish, and other religious groups who Hebrew School in North York are now denied equal rights the same educational with secularists in the Ontario

public school system. There can be no possible civilized rationale for the perpetuating of such gross religious prejudice by the government of Ontario. We appeal to you to reconsider

your present educational policies in the light of the three-fold recommendations of our recent brief to the Ministry Education, aimed at correcting these injustices. Sincerely,

Ken Davis chairman Ken Campbell

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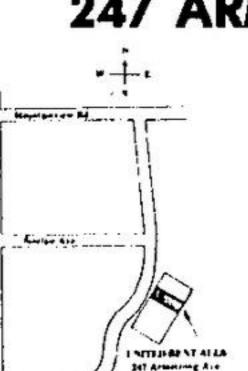
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