

Campbell urges suit over books comments

Rev. Ken Campbell, founder of Halton Renaissance and Renaissance Canada, has called on Canadian author June Callwood to sue him for judging some Canadian literature as pornographic.

Mr. Campbell was responding by letter to reports that Miss Callwood, chairman of a new Writer's Union committee established to fight censorship, planned to "sue any group

or individual who defames Canadian writers."

Mr. Campbell called the action by the literary group a "childish reaction to competition in a free society from your Writers Union" and "the worst sort of bigotry and censorship (which) hardly contributes to the mutual respect for alternative lifestyles needed in civilized society."

He also urged Miss Callwood

to sue herself for defaming "this Canadian author by your characterization of our liberating Renaissance Crusade for parental rights in education as documented in my book *Tempest in a Teapot*, as a 'real right-wing push'."

In a second letter, the evangelist who now heads Renaissance International, took umbrage at a Canadian Press wireservice story which labeled

led the Renaissance movement as a "right-wing group" and inferred, he claims, that Renaissance is close ideologically to a white supremacist party.

In his letter to Miss Callwood Mr. Campbell notes the reaction of Halton region residents to a survey compiled for his book *Tempest in a Teapot* regarding the use of controversial books in the public education system.

Noting a novel, *The Diviners* by Margaret Lawrence, being recommended or required reading in schools, the poll showed 67 per cent or 371 out of 550 disapproved of such books.

Quoting a United Nations declaration on human rights that states parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education for their children, Mr. Campbell says that basic

human right would be denied by the Writer's Union "by a fascist insistence on forcing your views on the captive audience of a public school system serving a pluralistic society."

Oakville regional Coun. Gordon Heide of the Halton Renaissance has recommended formation of a course in obscenity in which morally offensive literature might be grouped,

he said.

"Parents who want their children reading what most perceive to be morally destructive literature could enroll their children herein, while the majority could choose the great and ennobling in our literary heritage for their children."



Georgetown Kiwanis received its charter Friday evening. District governor Ken Smith (center) presented the charter to Georgetown club president Grant Isaac (right) while District 7 lieutenant governor Bill King (left) watches. Efforts to start up a branch of Kiwanis International in Georgetown began in December and the organizational meeting was held April 14.

Holy smoke, author says a case of demagoguery

"Holy smoke," said Toronto writer June Callwood after hearing for the first time Tuesday the text of a letter sent to her by Rev. Ken Campbell, founder of the Renaissance movement. "What a piece of demagoguery."

Rev. Campbell's letter, dated May 19, was addressed to Miss Callwood as chairman of a newly formed Writer's Union. But in an telephone interview with *The Herald*, Miss Callwood said neither she nor the Writer's Union office had received a copy of it.

Rev. Campbell's strongly worded letter was in response to a remark Miss Callwood made to Canadian Press reporter Jane Gadd in a story on a growing conservative trend in Ontario.

She said Rev. Campbell was talking about imposing the standards of a "not wordy group" on society. By "wordy," she explained she meant a group which was aware of literature and culture.

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books, Miss Callwood said. "They assume the teachers can judge the material." Literature is a specialized field and takes a lot of training, she added.

"We ought to protect the right of serious minded teachers to give courses covering the full range of human emotions."

The irony of the situation is that the books Rev. Campbell mentions as pornographic—specifically Margaret Lawrence's *The Diviners*—are among the most moral books and deal with loneliness and people's quest for faith. In that sense the books are almost "religious," she added.

Parents have nothing to fear when such books are taught in the school experience because their children can see how they fit into all of literature, she said.

And commenting on Rev. Campbell's call for a course of obscenity in Halton schools where such books which parents might find morally offensive might be groups, Miss

Callwood said that would be like a child having to stand in the hall during the Lord's Prayer.

"Do they think their kids won't read it?" she said Renaissance "hasn't thought it through."

She said the Writer's Union is serious about suing defamers of Canadian writers. "People who have craftsmanship in writing and distinguished careers can't be abused this way."

"This is a public debate," Miss Callwood said, "and if he feels I'm a fascist, that's fair. I'd be more worried if he was closer to the truth."

She said the Writer's Union, which was formed in early May, would be having its first meeting Tuesday afternoon at which there would be delegates and representation from coast to coast.

Kiwanis Club chartered

Guests from Oakville, Brampton, Toronto and Orangeville Kiwanis clubs attended the charter night at the North Halton Golf and Country Club as the Georgetown Kiwanis Club received its charter from Ken Smith, governor of the Eastern Canadian and Caribbean district.

The club aims to promote higher social, business and professional standards and serve its community. Kiwanis International music festivals are one of the club's better known beneficiaries although individual clubs can also back other local events, says president Grant Isaac.

The club often organizes key clubs in high schools which younger people can join and a ladies division of the club will probably be organized during the coming months, Mr. Isaac says.

The club executive includes president Grant Isaac, vice-president Bob Cranfield, secretary Finn Poustrup and treasurer Noel Lewis. There are 21 members in the Georgetown club.

Japan trade

OTTAWA (Bureau) — Changes in Japan's trading policy have put Canada in a position to "do a considerable amount of business with that country," Industry Minister Jack Horner told the House of Commons Tuesday.

Horner was replying to a question from MP Frank Philbrook (L-Halton) who asked whether the government is taking any steps to persuade Japan to "truly open its markets" to Canadian businesses, particularly small businesses.

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