

Provinces violating our human rights, says Renaissance

Rev. Ken Campbell has accused the provincial governments of Canada of violating the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and he is taking his complaint right to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Rev. Campbell, who lives in Milton, is the founder and president of Renaissance International, an organization whose goal is to propagate "the values and philosophy of our Judeo-Christian heritage."

Rev. Campbell founded the organization a number of years ago out of concern that parents were not being given sufficient opportunity to become involved in the education of their children. He later took his own children out of the Halton school system.

In his latest press release, Rev. Campbell accuses the provincial governments of violating the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights by denying parents the right to choose the education they prefer for their children.

"On behalf of the thousands of our constituency and the millions for whom we speak as a populist, pro-family liberation front, this is to register a formal protest with the United Nations over the gross violations of Article 26, the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, by the government of the province of Ontario, and other provincial governments in Canada whose educational systems deny the most basic human right—the right of parents to choose the education they prefer for their children," Rev. Campbell said in a letter to the UN Secretary-General.

PARENTS' MANIFESTO
Copies of the letter, along with copies of the Parents Manifesto on Schools, which was drawn up by Dr. Blair Shaw, head of the Renaissance Family Institute, were sent to the Ontario and Canadian Human Rights Commissions, the House of Commons, the Senate, Ontario MPPs, provincial premiers and ministers of education, and the media.

Rev. Campbell said he is prepared to back up his accusation with documentation garnered from five years of research "culminating in a nation-wide study conducted over the past nine months by the noted and highly respected Canadian psychologist, Dr. Blair Shaw, assisted by hundreds of associates."

Rev. Campbell said Renaissance International, of which he is president, wants the United Nations, "through its diplomatic channels" to "take the appropriate action to communicate with the governments involved the disappointment of the international community over their unacceptable and socially destructive, totalitarian educational structures, and to urge that liberating, pro-family, policies be adopted at once to correct the resultant human rights violations."

Trustees of the Halton board of education have apparently not been given copies of the letter, which Rev. Campbell

has headlined, "Urgent Diplomatic Note".
Halton Hills trustee Barry Shepherd said Rev. Campbell probably knows the trustees are "aware of his activities", and that is why he didn't send trustees a copy of the letter.

"I guess we're on the bottom rung of the ladder and we're not worth wasting paper on," Mr. Shepherd said, after hearing the list of the people who received copies.

"He certainly had the opportunity to try to influence his own board," Mr. Shepherd said. "I don't really know of any concerted effort by the local Renaissance committee to run a candidate for the board. People are alienated by his methods now, I think, but he had a chance in the beginning."

"A Renaissance candidate probably wouldn't have a chance now because of Campbell's tactics recently," he added.

"A lot of the things Campbell is for, we trustees are in favor of," Mr. Shepherd said. "It's just that a growing majority of the trustees on the board can't stand the way he's going about it."

PRESS RELEASES
Betty Fisher, Halton Hills' other trustee, said that in order to understand what Rev. Campbell actually wants, people have to cut through a lot of what is included in the press releases he hands out.


"What he's saying is that people should have a choice

about the schools their children attend, and they should be able to transfer their tax dollars to these alternative schools, instead of paying double," Mrs. Fisher said. "I see it as a ministry problem and not as a local board problem. If the ministry sees that as feasible, and if it won't ruin our school system, then I think they've got a good point."

"I'm just starting to look at the constitutional pros and cons of the idea, and I don't know how it would affect our public school system," she said. "Without going into the pros and cons of it, I think it's a good idea for people to be able to choose the schools for their children, but not at the cost of the public school system."

"I think these people have a right to fight for this and I wish them luck if it's feasible. They've got their principles and they've stuck with them," she said.

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Vacation Guide

Hey Canada, it's Fall Fair time

By Christine Trepanier
Fall, in Canada, since the days of the pioneers, has been a time for families and friends to get together and celebrate the harvest. And what better way to celebrate than with a fall fair?

The nature of the harvest varies from one region to the next, but no matter what the "crop", there seems to be a festival to go with it.

The Nova Scotia Fisheries Exhibition and Fishermen's Reunion, Sept. 3-8, held in Lunenburg, celebrates the province's bounty from the sea. The five-day exhibition, now in its 43rd year, promotes the fishing industry that has played such an important role in Nova Scotia's development.

Visitors to this year's Exhibition will see participants from all over the province demonstrate everything from lobster trap building and trawl baiting to scallop shucking. The most modern fishing equipment will be on display, along with the historic sea schooner, the Blue-nose II.

Competitions and contests are part of every fall fair, and at this year's Exhibition, contestants will compete against each other in events such as net-mending and fish-filleting. Highlight of the five days of competition are the dory races that match teams in boat races.

The Fisheries Exhibition,

like most fall fairs, includes a grandstand show, handicraft displays and a number of parades.

Rimouski, Quebec, each fall, celebrates the Festival d'Automne de Rimouski. The week-long Festival began 19 years ago to mark the fall hunting season in Quebec. A spirit of "cousinage" - friendship - grew among the hunters and they returned year after year to hunt and celebrate.

Today, the hunt still plays a major role in the Festival d'Automne, but the addition of a variety of activities has expanded it into an event for the whole family.

Events range from hunting activities and sports competitions to art exhibitions and ballet performances.

IMPORTANT PART
The spirit of "cousinage" still is an important part of the Festival. The Soiree du Cousinage and the Soiree du Ti-Cousin are two nightly activities planned to bring friends and family together in a relaxed party atmosphere.

The Festival d'Automne de Rimouski is scheduled this fall from Oct. 1-8.

Fall fairs take place all over Ontario, in small towns and villages and the larger urban centres. They give the local residents a chance to sit back after the busy summer season, relax and have some fun before preparing for the

winter ahead.

One of the more popular attractions at the fair is the step-dancing and old-time fiddlers' competition. And this year, to keep step with the changing times, a disco-dancing contest has been added.

The giant midway and the star-studded grandstand give the illusion that the Western Fair is a big-city exhibition. But the livestock judging, 4-H competition and children's petting zoo have the appeal of a small town festival.

A large livestock show and an emphasis on the current innovations in farm equipment are what characterize the Saskatchewan Fall Fair and Mexabition being held from Nov. 16-19.

This fair is designed to show the prairie farmer what's new and interesting in the farm industry and to help him solve any problems he might be running into on his homestead. A horticultural exhibit has been scheduled.

A Harvest and Grape Fiesta is held annually in Penticton, British Columbia to celebrate the soil's yield of fresh vegetables and juicy grapes.

FRESH VEGETABLES
The judging of fresh vegetables, canned vegetables and fruits, and homemade handicrafts make up just some of the Fiesta's scheduled events.

Eugene Fodor: the traveler's best friend for forty years

The man of a million places... from the Orient to the Old West, from Pago Pago to gay Paris, the name of Fodor may be seen in the hands of the bemused, baffled tourist.

Eugene Fodor, the internationally celebrated travel guide editor and savior of every stranger in a strange land, is having a celebration of his own this year.

For 1977 marks Mr. Fodor's 40th anniversary in the travel business. And, very appropriately, he plans to mark this celebration with the publication of his first one-volume guide to the United States — an appropriate tribute to the nation's own anniversary year.

Mr. Fodor's first entry in the travel book field was 1936 *On The Continent*. The outbreak of war cancelled Mr. Fodor's plans for a continuation of the series and he spent the war years as a U.S. Army officer.

After the war, Mr. Fodor resumed his travel book publishing in Paris. For several years the guides were available only in Europe. The first Fodor guides to become available in the U.S. were published here in 1950.

Since then, Mr. Fodor has annually expanded his travel series to cover more countries and regions. This year will see 50 titles, a number available in paper as well as cloth, in the bookstores, including the new *Fodor's U.S.A.* and another brand new addition to the list, *Fodor's Old West*.

Over the years, the Fodor guides have won many awards and citations for their excellence from travel experts, as well as accolades from the press and the millions of readers who have trusted Fodor to lead them along the highways and byways of just about every country in the world.

Fodor met the postwar European travel boom with his series of individual West European country guides and was on the scene immediately when China opened its doors to Americans with a guide to Peking, much as his guides to Eastern European countries were in the bookstalls ready to serve the American tourist surge there in the last five years.

No doubt, once tourist accommodations meet with his approval, we may well expect Fodor to be the first to introduce us to interplanetary vacations.

Mr. Fodor, who was born in Hungary and educated in

France, now lives in Litchfield, Connecticut. To investigate new tourist opportunities and to check and oversee the work of the band of resident writers who provide him with the details of local hotel and restaurant accommodations and prices, etc., Mr. Fodor spends a large part of each year traveling throughout the world.



CHEROKEE INDIAN DANCE — Portraying the flight of an eagle, a dancer performs in the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" held at Cherokee, North Carolina. The drama tells the story of the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians. Photo courtesy of Fodor's Travel Guides, Inc.

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The Harvest and Grape Fiesta also features the largest homemade public wine competition in Canada. Exhibitors for this event come from as far as 480 km (300 miles) away to have their wine tested by experts. The winner of each class walks away with a silver goblet, while the second-prize winner receives a crystal goblet.

In all, there are 21 classes of wine being judged during this year's 12th annual Harvest and Grape Fiesta. They range from mead, made from fresh honey, to sparkling wine.

Fairs, exhibitions, fiestas and festivals are going on all over Canada this fall. Whether in celebration of seafood, mead wine, or whatever, Canada's fall fairs have something for everyone.

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