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The Insidious Enemy — Foreign Textbooks

At a time when our country is deeply distressed and torn by the recent kidnappings and murder by FLQ Terrorists, we find our nation being seriously undermined in Ontario by an insidious enemy — the foreign textbooks.

Recently a number of Thornhill grade 2 parents were appalled to be given American flags which their children had colored and proudly brought home from school. They had colored the Stars and Stripes at the end of the class on word pictures when the teacher had asked them to now color "our flag" in the children's workbooks.

In a recent visit I paid to the library in Unionville Public School, approximately nine out of ten books on the shelves were U.S. publications. Mrs. Edna Kerr, the attractive and popular librarian, told me that the selection of books was based on their "rating" by education book critics. Apparently our education book critics do not feel Canadian authors have "found themselves".

Our Canadian publishing industry is rapidly becoming completely foreign dominated. One

of the most aggravating, major reasons is the fact that our Department of Education requires a book to be printed before it is eligible for consideration as a textbook. With the comparatively small market open to our Canadian publishers, the former simply cannot always risk the substantial cost of printing a manuscript before an indication of the potential market.

If they could sell Canadian textbooks in the U.S. market it would be possible. But that requires a complete U.S. emphasis on all material. Unfortunately, our book critics do not consider this important. As a result of their lack of encouragement and support our Canadian authors and publishers are rapidly dwindling in influence.

The Government of Ontario should be a major factor in reviving and building our Canadian publishing industry instead of the reverse. In doing so, it would arrest the erosion of our Canadian culture resulting from present policies of the Department of Education.

Seneca Full - Time Day Student Enrolment Is Up 31% Over 1969

About 6,915 students are enrolled this fall in full and part-time courses at Seneca College, Willowdale, according to figures released last week by college officials. Seneca is a community college serving the borough of North York and York County.

Full-time day students total 3,165, up about 31% in comparison to last fall's enrolment. Slightly more than half (54%) of Seneca's total full and part-time enrolment is made up of students in continuing education programs and other off-campus course offerings.

Among full-time day students, nearly 660 (about one in five) are taking applied arts programs. They're interested in such fields as applied communications, audio-visual techniques, early childhood education, fashion arts, law enforcement, library techniques, municipal administration, social service and social research techniques. First semester enrolment in these courses is up nearly 16% compared to fall of 1969.

Another 660 students at Seneca are enrolled in various courses in the business division. Registration in the first semester of these programs is showing a 35% increase over last year. Seneca's courses in business include accounting, business and corporate administration, general business, general insurance, law administration, marketing, real estate, secretarial science and tourist industry administration.

In engineering technology, more than 600 students are studying various courses in aviation, building environment, cartography, chemistry, civil, electronic, mechanical, pollution control and other courses at the technical and technological levels. Total enrolment in first semester engineering technology courses is up about 24% over last year.

A smaller specialized group of students, about half the size of the other divisions, are studying computer systems and computer programming in the data processing division. They currently number around 270 students. Another 320 students are in

business and industry, another 1,200 students are taking part-time courses in Seneca's business and industrial training division. Registration here is almost three times the year ago level.

Among first semester enrolments in day programs — significant because they indicate current student interests — the most popular courses this fall have been law enforcement, library techniques, municipal administration, business administration, legal secretarial, general business, real estate, computer programming and data processing. Two new programs in tourist industry administration and in pollution control techniques have also attracted full class-size quotas.

Seneca President William Newnham states that, by 1975, combined full and part-time enrolment at Seneca in all three semesters will probably exceed 43,000.

STOUFFVILLE — The work of the local police Halloween Night has received high praise from the businessmen's association. Described as one of the quietest on record, the evening's peace was attributed to close cooperation between police and the young people.

In The Spotlight

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shows gave Shirley a confidence in herself and her talent.

Right now, Shirley Foster finds herself at a crossroads . . . She knows her paintings sell well and she knows the techniques she employs are popular — but out of the confidence gained from the art show successes has grown a desire to create something more from within; not just a pretty or pleasantly well executed painting, but something individual and unique. The experimentation has begun.

Shirley has added a modern tool of the trade to her paint box — the aerosol spray bomb. The things she is doing are fun but as yet, they are just that. It may be easily seen from these paintings that she handles a conventional airbrush well. One of the spray bomb paintings which was particularly striking to me was an earthrise over the moon. The now familiar brilliant blue and white orb rises over the barren moonscape, but what makes it unique is the textured background. Shirley has adhered kitty-litter to her board and painted it a rich deep velvety brown. It is highly successful.

One of the things she enjoys about being an artist is the individuality it gives her. It is wonderful that she is a fine wife and devoted mother of three children, but this special creativity allows her to be Shirley Foster, alone. Her husband is thrilled with her talent and her success.

This year Shirley looks forward to entering still more art shows. For those who are familiar with Shirley's palette knife technique, there will be some of those paintings present in her displays. But I think her friends and followers are in for a pleasant and exciting surprise when Shirley shows her talents and develops her own techniques from within herself. It's coming . . . Every wish for success Shirley.

Annual District Scout Camporee Stresses Theme Of Brotherhood

Brotherhood was the theme of the annual York Summit District Venturer and Scout Camporee held October 30 to November 1 at Boyd Conservation Park. Three Venturer companies and 12 Scout troops, numbering 114 boys registered with 17 leaders and six members of a service crew. The 5th Lansing Scout Troop checked in as guests.



Saturday at 10 am, for 10½ miles starting and ending at St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill East.

Checkpoints at 1½ mile intervals will be set up and two cars with first aid facilities will patrol the route at all times.

Money earned by participants in this walk will be distributed: \$50 to Blue Springs Training Centre, then 50% of the remainder to the group committee and 50% to help finance the new roof on the Centennial Swimming Pool.

Cubs will be expected to walk 4.4 miles to checkpoint 3 where free refreshments will be dispensed. To qualify for badges Scouts and Venturers will be carrying full pack.

Jas. Lawson QC Head Assessment Review Ct.

James Lawson, QC, a practising lawyer and former business executive, has been appointed chairman of the new Assessment Review Court of Ontario. Mr. Lawson's appointment is effective immediately.

One of Mr. Lawson's first duties will be to arrange for the Court to hear assessment appeals in every municipality of Ontario. The court replaces the courts of revision for hearing all appeals relating to assessment. (Courts of revision are being retained for certain other purposes).

In announcing Mr. Lawson's appointment, Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough said: "Mr. Lawson has considerable experience in administration and municipal law and thus is well qualified to serve as chairman of the Assessment Review Court."

Mr. Lawson is a graduate of the Royal Military College and Osgoode Hall Law School. He was first president and managing director of Odeon Theatres and Arthur Rank affiliated companies in Canada, and former president of Anso Canada Limited (now GAF Canada Limited). A former partner in the firm of Lawson, Cannon and Fediow, he is married with four children.

BROUGHAM — Consideration will be given to a zoning bylaw amendment to permit Howard Burton to continue his present business in heavy industrial equipment on the Brock Road. The site is zoned agriculture, but Mr. Burton has been operating a business there for 20 years, starting as a woodwork-

shop. A Scout-A-Thon is an organized, sponsored walk by Scouts, Cubs and Venturers over a pre-arranged route. One is planned by 3rd Richmond Hill for this

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