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Student Trip To France

Board Vetoes Request Extra Day

Trustee Mariane Gillan of Sutton, told a York County Board of Education meeting January 29 that she found a letter from a student travel group asking for extra time on a proposed trip to Paris, "disturbing" and that the request should have come from the school principal.

The letter in question was sent to the board from Mrs. M. Macfarlane, director of Canadian Travel and Study Foundation, which describes itself as "a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping young Canadians learn through travel."

"The young Canadians" in this case are a group of 14 from Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School in Aurora, who are planning a ski trip to Chamonix, France, during the winterbreak from March 16 to 25.

However, as Mrs. Macfarlane explained in her letter, although STSF made a request for plane space 14 months ago, they were unable to get the dates they needed. As a result, G. W. Williams is scheduled to depart March 16 and return March 26, one day late for school.

Could the board grant an extension of one day for the group? Mrs. Macfarlane, who appeared in person and read her letter to the board, asked.

Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham wanted to know if Mrs. Macfarlane wanted the board to subsidize for a supply teacher for one day.

Mrs. Macfarlane said that her group would be ready to pay for any teacher required.

Trustee John Honsberger of Markham said the board had refused permission in the past to teachers who wanted extra time, and shouldn't change its policy now.

Mr. Honsberger then moved that the board refuse permission to the CTSF group in order to be consistent with its policy.

Trustee Robert Houghton of Richmond Hill said he thought such trips were good and should be encouraged, but felt the impression was going out to parents that the board was sponsoring the Chamonix trip.

The trips are arranged through the schools and parents with CTSF and are scheduled during holiday time.

Mr. Houghton said he would like to see such trips arranged through the board in future.

The board supported Mr. Honsberger's motion not to allow the extra day.

Mrs. Macfarlane told "The Liberal" that the CTSF group had four planes under charter for the Chamonix flight, including one coming back March 25, and it was felt there would be little trouble in arranging suitable accommodation for those from Aurora who had to be back by the 25th.

religious experience and a look at what is religion.

The course will be offered as a credit and will be taught one period per day, with Robin Wood, a philosophy and history graduate, with one year of theology, in charge. It would be open to students in grades 11, 12 and 13.

Trustee Craig Cribar, a minister in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newmarket, said he felt it was a "beautiful course" that would attract many young students.

He commended the staff for the course, but said he felt a study of the B'hai faith should have been included.

Both Thornlea and Bayview Secondary Schools have carried the course for the past two years.

EARLY ADMISSIONS
The board also received a staff report on early admissions, which followed up the progress of a group of students who had been admitted to kindergarten under age in 1972.

The study reported on 26 students, who had not been promoted to grade 1 at the end of the year, and 96, who had gone ahead to grade 1 or to a kindergarten primary class.

In the first group, 16 were now attending kindergarten in the same school they attended in 1972, six were in kindergarten in another school under the jurisdiction of the board, and four were believed to be attending kindergarten in a school outside the jurisdiction of the board.

The report said that, in addition, five early admission pupils who were promoted to grade 1, but who then moved outside the region, were required to re-peat grade 1 in their new schools.

Of the 96 early admission pupils promoted to grade 1 or to a kindergarten class in June, 1972, 62 remained in the same school, 26 are in grade 1 in other York County schools, six are believed to be in grade 1 in schools outside the board's jurisdiction, and two cannot be located.

Only one case was reported of an un-promoted pupil being placed in a private school, the report noted.

A motion by Trustee Honsberger of Markham that a committee be set up to look into the report, was voted down.

Sam Chapman, director of education, said that, if the board's decision was to have a junior kindergarten, then it was "a waste of time to fool around" with committees. The latter only delayed things.

A recommendation by Trustee Cribar of Newmarket that the report be received and the information noted, was approved.

Concord Family Among Those Arrested In Heroin Seizure

Eight men and one woman have been charged with conspiracy to import heroin, following a raid by RCMP squad drug officers Saturday at a residence near Keele Street and Highway 7 in the Concord area of Maple.

Police seized more than 70 pounds of heroin concealed in the false bottoms of sea trunks, which police termed the largest seizure in Toronto's history.

The heroin is said to have a potential street value of \$40 million.

At a hearing in Provincial Court Monday, Crown Counsel Tom Cleary asked Judge Peter Wilch for a bail hearing, and was granted the request. The Crown is opposing bail for the nine.

Those charged are Nicola Asaro, 59, of Rockview Gardens, Concord, his wife, Gaetno, 52, and their son, Simon, 22.

Asaro suffered a heart attack in the raid and is in hospital under police guard.

Arrested in Toronto were Francesco Billitte, 22, who had been in Canada a week visiting from Sicily; Benedetto Zisso, 59, Dalemont Avenue; Frank Cutrona, 47, Tilden Crescent; Vito Cutrona, 32 Westmoreland Avenue; Antonio Sciortino, 39, Ridgemount Avenue; and Antinio Cidispoti, 35, Woodville Avenue.

An RCMP official said Saturday's raid was the windup to "the largest and most complex investigation, national and international in scope."

He said the initial investigation was started by Sgt. Neville Gillespie of the Toronto headquarters drug squad, and then headed by Sub-Inspector Lyman Henschel, officer in charge of drug investigations.

He said it was mostly a matter of surveillance — "basically damn good investigation — with assistance coming from the U.S. Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Bureau and U.S. Customs."

He said the heroin was found in the false bottoms of steamer trunks, which had arrived in Canada a week ago. The heroin could be cut three or four ways and then cut again into caps for street sale, the inspector said.

He said a kilo of heroin in Toronto sells for about \$500,000 and a cap sells for \$20.

Inspector Henschel would not say where the confiscated heroin had been headed for but it is expected it was for sale to addicts in Ontario.

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