



STEW BRYDGES SPEAKS OUT

You're dammed if you do and you're damned if you don't. That is the position Premier Wm. Davis found himself in when his elected members of the Provincial cabinet turned down the request to allow additional grants to Separate School Boards who wanted to extend their Secondary Schools to include grade 11-12-13. It was the cabinet that ruled and the Prime Minister had to make the announcement. It is interesting to note that both leaders of the opposition, Robert Nixon Liberal and Stephen Lewis N. D. P., stated that they would support additional separate grants. It makes one wonder what would happen if their candidates say no, just the same as the elected cabinet members.

However this is not the main issue. Why has this question gained such an importance and particularly now that an election is planned? Why did they not ask for additional aid ten years ago? Why not twenty years ago? What brought this question up at this time?

We the voters can be blamed in part. A decade ago the majority sat back and allowed a small minority group to talk the Boards of Education into withdrawing religion from the schools. Today we find that virtually little or no religious education is even discussed in our Secondary Schools. Why did we allow this to happen.

Do not let anyone fool you. All men are religious or believe in some form of religion. Let a veteran who served overseas tell you. The loudest non believer was generally

the first one to cry for help from the unknown when the enemy closed in or danger was pending. The so called non believer found that he needed strength and he had to call for help.

As we allowed religious instruction and discussion to be dropped, drugs took over. From the occasional user it is now up to alarming large numbers. Brilliant students from all walks of life have blown their brains with all the common variety drugs that have been pushed in the streets. The users claim that they are looking for something and they need this route to escape. Where is the religious belief that there is a strong power to help?

It is time that we stop being conned by the few. It is now time that we stand up and be counted. The Separate School supporters have made the first move. They want religious instruction in their schools for the age group we call young adults, 18 years of age and up.

There is no reason in the world why the Secondary School system we have at the present time can not add to their course of study a course on religion. Why not? This could be an optional course. It could be a course just the same as Latin Math or Science. There is no reason in the world by both Protestant and Roman Catholic countries could not be made available. If religion was taught in the Secondary School level, it might be the answer to help solve the drug problem. After all 2000 years ago a man taught religion and it caught on. Man, over the years has tried to follow the teachings of the great teacher. It has held up for 2000 years. Maybe we have forgotten how to teach religion or maybe we just don't want to. Maybe this is what has caused all our troubles.

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E.G. Caccamo,
Chairman,
Schreiber Hydro Electric Power Commission.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Seppala were weekend visitors to Thunder Bay.

Peter Hutchins of Windsor, Ont. was a business visitor here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kenney have returned from Elgin, Ont. where they attended the 65th wedding anniversary of his parents. They have nine sons and daughters who attended the celebration, 45 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Messages of congratulations were received from the
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