

Parents Should Keep Eye on Schools

AS A RESULT of parental and public pressure, schools apparently have decided that it is important, after all, that Johnny and Mary learn reading, writing and arithmetic. This is progress.

Parents should not sit back and assume that all is well as a result of this reversal of trends, however. They need to find out what has been taught in place of the "three Rs" and what is to be taught along with them in the future.

Some have been looking into the matter and are disturbed by what they have found. Sample materials sent to this writer by readers are evidence that a problem may exist. Lacking facilities for determining which schools or individual teachers may be using objectionable textbooks or methods, we can only generalize to suggest possible problem areas. Parents need to investigate for themselves.

Pornography probably has received the greatest publicity. Sample "sex education" materials received are too explicit and immoral

even to be described here. Yet, indications are these may be used in more schools than parents suspect. Users cry "censorship" as a defense whenever anyone complains.

Religion is another problem. Any semblance of teaching traditional religions is rooted out, but the teaching of atheistic religions, especially humanism, goes forward in many classrooms. Humanism also is a political doctrine, much like communism.

At its annual convention, the Oklahoma Farmers Union resolved: "Because the content of some textbooks used in public schools is anti-American, anti-God, and anti-family, we urge Farmers Union members to be concerned with this problem and work to eliminate it."

Evidence indicates that some teachers advise pupils there is no such thing as right and wrong, and that any act that is pleasurable should be acceptable and respectable.

That history is being rewritten to destroy American traditions and ideals is no secret. Reports per-

sist that such books are being used in schools to teach Marxism instead of freedom and free enterprise. Communist-slanted comic books have been used in some places.

Anti-business books and attitudes have shown up in numerous places, and Ralph Nader is demanding that socialism be given equal space in school libraries.

With the majority of teachers now belonging to unions, parents need to know what is being taught about forced union membership, strikes and the use of force or violence.

Proper use of English no longer seems to be the basic tool of communication in some places. "Black English" or other dialects are being taught as acceptable alternatives.

Thousands of parents have enrolled their children in private schools in an effort to escape these problems. This might help those children, but it accentuates the need for remaining parents and responsible citizens to review textbooks and methods used. The future of American depends upon what is being taught in our schools.

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Mr. Deering,

Thank you for your article on 'Parents Should Keep Eye on Schools'. I have been trying to get administration and parents aware of this for some time.

Probably you are aware of this but the woman appointed to the National Dept. of Education is a humanist, pro ERA, etc.

Their 'think tank' that sets policy is the 'Aspen Institute' which meets at Aspen, Colorado.

For a number of years the requirement of any large college that got a grant from Ford, Carnegie or Rockefeller Inst. had to select their economic and government professors from those who were from Brookings or Rand Institute.

In following the Trilateral
Commission plan they were
to play down democracy,
republic, patriotism and
did not distinguish the
~~ifferences~~ in Socialism,
Marxism or Communism

I am a retired school
teacher after 25 yrs - out of the
Class Room 5 years - a member
of Farmers' Union and American
Agriculture

I guess you would say I
am an activist at present but
as I have investigated the
Trilateral Plan very thoroughly
I see no future for my grand-
children if things don't change.

Then as I study Revelation
this may be as it is to be, but
I will not have my grand-
children feel that I did not

try to make things better for
them.

Maybe someday our
paths will cross. I would
enjoy a discussion of
these things.

Sincerely,

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