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Disease, Not Symptoms Need Care

PROPOSED federal palliatives for the epidemic problems of childhood parenthood are merely dealing with symptoms. The "disease" that is causing the wave of teen-age pregnancies is going unchecked.

The "disease" is immorality, complicated by lack of self-discipline. It is spread by humanist propaganda that denies the existence of God, disclaims social responsibility and argues that each individual is entitled to personal rights, regardless of others.

Humanism is supported by many wealthy foundations and influential people in this country. Yet, it is so closely parallel to materialistic communism that differences may be hard to find. It may be deluding patriotic Americans into tolerating its "sugar-coated" promises.

Teaching of religion in public schools is barred. Humanism is taught, despite its resemblance to a religion of atheism. Humanist activities have been subsidized otherwise by federal funds.

Humanism is involved in the flood

of pornography that pervades newstands, movies and television to bring obscenities into our living rooms and expose even preschool children to lewdness.

In the ebullient days following World War II, the humanist movement made quantum jumps by infiltrating government, universities, research institutions, public school systems, and even churches.

Humanism was involved in the often-violent student revolutions of the 1960s, and it is involved in the sexual permissiveness that has accelerated the downfall of countless American homes.

It is involved in legislation, court decisions and administrative rulings that prevent employers from asking about character, prison records, morality or perversions of prospective employees.

Humanism is involved in loud declarations that it is better to provide high school students with pornographic sex education and contraceptives than it is to teach them self-discipline, morality and social responsibility.

Federal funds are being allocated to public schools to subsidize teaching of these "un-principles," along with the philosophy that abortion is preferable to "children having children." An \$800,000 grant is being funneled through ACOG to Oklahoma City area schools right now.

There is no way of telling how many parents have been brainwashed into accepting these attitudes that undermine the fundamentals upon which civilization has been built.

There is no way of telling how many others simply assume the problem is too big for them to do anything about it. They may throw up their hands and seek escape in work, recreation or alcohol.

There are many, too, who deplore the direction our country is headed and who would like to turn the situation around, so that we are headed upward again.

People today are under extreme pressure to substitute personal privileges for responsible freedom. Treating symptoms won't cure the "disease" that is destroying our moral fiber!

Humanism not root of all U.S. problems

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TO THE EDITOR:

An article June 3 in The Daily Oklahoman authored by Ferdie J. Deering concerned many problems that have to be faced in our country. It is difficult to believe that we are in such sad shape all because of humanism, if you accept such an abstract scapegoat as propagated by Mr. Deering.

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I would think a columnist for a daily paper with such a large circulation could bother about looking up the definition of a word (humanism) before covering a great many of our country's problems with its cloak. According to the good old dictionary, "humanism" is defined as being a system of thinking in which man, his interests, and development are made central and dominant. A humanist is a person well versed in the study of human nature and humanities.

In Mr. Deering's editorial he uses the word as an abstract term in which he seems to be beating his own bongos for fundamentalist principles which could be a little outdated for 1980.

He condemns a man's right not to believe in God, which involves the freedom to use one's own mind to

think and reason. Mr. Deering is upset because religion is not taught in our public schools. Teachers are having a hard enough time teaching our young to read without introducing religion on a basic educational level.

How can a columnist who writes to a metropolis the size of central Oklahoma blame pornography, teen-age pregnancies, student riots of the 1960s, and the decay of our "moral fiber" all on the concept of humanism?

Mr. Deering then equates "humanism" as being a kissing cousin to communism as well as expounding its kinship to atheism in the following paragraph. I'm surprised he didn't blame humanism for the disappearance of the dinosaurs 150 million years ago.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you Ferdie J. Dearing for your column: Disease, Not Symptoms Need Care, in "The Daily Oklahoman" Tues. 6/3/80. Please allow me to elaborate at length.

We are faced with a multimillion dollar nationwide educational enterprise with considerable vested interest also on the part of contraceptive manufacturers, pornographers, Disecus, International Planned Parenthood, Zero Population Growth, the P.T.A. - National Congress and March of Dimes - National Foundation. All pushing for comprehensive sex education from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Every family in this community is being assaulted by Planned Parenthood (P.P.), O U's - Health Science Center (Chief of Adolescent Medicine - Children's Memorial Hospital), Oklahoma State Dept. of Public Health and their peers involved in or advocating approval of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Services Project and the Oklahoma County Adolescent Pregnancy Program. Tirelessly, these people and agencies attempt to intrude into the private lives of parents

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and their children.

We as parents possess the inalienable right and equal responsibility to be our children's first and foremost educators. This right (and duty) is being usurped, most of all, in matters relating to religion, moral values, and sex education.

Some parents may find it difficult to discuss matters relating to sex with their children. I'm sure most of us feel a "sacred or holy" bashfulness, at least, when exercising our parental responsibility in this area. We must do it in a positive and prudent manner, which level can never be attained in the classroom atmosphere. Who are "they" to interrupt this sacred duty? If one desires assistance from outside the family, one can ask for it, and on an individual basis!

We continually learn of the failures of classroom sex education implemented in many parts of our country over the past 10-15 years. In 1969 Planned Parenthood went into Hawaii with sex ed. In the eleven years since, they have experienced a sharp increase in pregnancies and the number of cases of v. d. has more than quadrupled. New York City has witnessed sharp increases in pregnancy, illegitimacy, v. d. and abortion yet, they've had classroom sex ed. for more than 10 years.

We don't deny there is a problem. Why wouldn't there be? The children are encouraged to participate in sexual activity via the media and schools. For an example: if a youngster is confronted with a spot

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commercial on television which dictates, tonight over 2000 teen age girls will become pregnant, often enough and long enough - she'll probably become "their" victim. By the way, whose phone number is included in the commercial? Of course, P. P.'s!

Parents have become victims of the same scheme. They have been told so often and for so long that they are not doing their jobs, some believe it. So, many just sit back and let the schools (government) do it.

Many of the television programs and the movies encourage promiscuity and lack of respect for parents and those in authority. Much of advertising exploits nudity and sex.

Many of the books in our schools contain profanity, descriptions of immoral sex practices and promotion of population control etc. A book recommended by P. P. which, coincidentally happens to be in the teacher's library, illustrates phallic worship, men and women in genital sex acts with animals. One picture shows a swan copulating with a woman. This and other books, again recommended by P. P., encourage masturbation, "when you feel sexy and tense". Surprisingly, they do discourage incest, but only because it is usually with one, other than, a consenting person. The spelling list to be used for sixth grade students include: coitus, masturbation, value, contraceptives, excitement, intercourse, popularity, homosexual, choices and many others. These texts and materials are in use in the Oklahoma

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City Public Schools Middle Schools. You may obtain them as we did - ask!

The program in the OXC - Middle Schools is employing values clarification, sensitivity training, and sex education; all, are philosophies of the Secular Humanist religion. Parents can expect such a program to confuse or change the morals and religious beliefs they have lovingly taught their children. It may also cause one to become insensitive, nothing is a shock and anything is permissible. It may completely destroy or lessen the sacredness of sex within marriage. Teen-agers are being trained to become sexually active - for obvious reasons.

As you've witnessed through "their" public relations plots, the media are given such words as church, family, parental relationships etc., all very palatable to the public. One doesn't see the complete description, as I briefly described above, when O.C.I. - Health Science Center pretends to show a need and applies for a \$760,866.00 grant just for Oklahoma County.

You've heard "them" shout loud and clear, "Oklahoma ranks ninth in the country in the rate of unintended teen age births." Did they equally announce, "of the live births recorded in Oklahoma in 1977, 21.4% were to girls under the age of 20," and nearly 60% of these births were to married women?? Of course not, the facts will kill "their" project. Certain individuals will not advance in the community as planned and various individuals and agencies will not receive the thousands of dollars

requested. Planned Parenthood Assoc. of OKC is to receive \$55,468, OKC / County Health Dept. \$55,968; OKC Public Schools Adult Day Program and Family Life Ed. program is to receive \$110,459; and the Chief of Adolescent Medicine, Okla. Children's Hospital is allotted only \$183,000 for 25% of his time over the next 5 years.

all of the figures and allegations referred to above may be substantiated upon request. The project is yet to be approved by The Dept. of Health and Human Services in Washington (old H.E.W.).

Obviously, those promoting Family Life Ed. (sex ed.) are more interested in contributing to, rather than, finding solutions to the so called "teen-age sexual crisis".

I implore all to ascertain the following: Is the "teen-age sexual crisis" as serious as O.U.-Health Science Center, State Health Dept and P.P. claim? Are they not trying to manufacture an even greater problem, show need and reap the benefits (\$\$\$).

We hear the A.C.L.U. and P.P. shouting "equal rights" and "freedom of choice". How about the rights of the children who become the victims of the information assault? Shouldn't they be allowed to grow through latency without interruption of this nature? Adolescents want to hear the truth and will learn from self-discipline the values of honesty and purity. What about the right of the baby conceived in the mother's womb? This 12.8% also have a right to live. Mother exercised her choice when she chose to engage in the genital

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sex act.

Yes Edlie, I too, am MAD! Rightously angered, as everyone is at this abominable intrusion into family life.

Write letters opposing this project to: Dr. Lulu Mae Nix, Office of Adolescent Prep., H.E.W. Rm. 725-H, Humphrey Bldg., 200 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

Also send letters to Senator David Boren, 440 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 and Congressman Mickey Edwards, 413 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I apologize for the length, however the subject demands even more attention.

Thank you.

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Who tells it like it
truly is.

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Dear Mr. Deering,

I wish to thank you for the article of April 24, concerning humanism in our public schools. Again, on June 3, Disease, Not Symptoms Need Cure, hit the problem right where it is.

You seem to be familiar with some facts that most people are not aware of, even though the problem is wide-spread.

We, in America, must wake up before it's too late. I am a parent and a school teacher and am deeply concerned with the methods being used to cure our social ills.

Keep up the writing.

Sincerely,

Flavia Bigham

Copy sent to Edward L. Gaylord