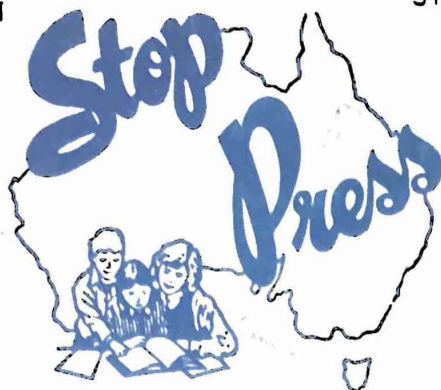


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### AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF STOP & CARE (in brief):

To protect children and teenagers from all forms of moral corruption and mental and spiritual harm, that could contribute to their delinquency or physical harm.

We consider STOP & CARE to be a Christian 'umbrella' organization under which the MORAL MAJORITY may join together to strengthen one another IN PROMOTING A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE to all modern trends affecting THE FAMILY, THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY, with the emphasis on the GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK;.

22nd June 1983.

## Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Bill

On 24/5/83 I received a long distance 'phone call from a STOP & CARE member, asking me to investigate and campaign against the INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS BILL that was due for its Third (final) Reading during the next sitting of our Queensland Parliament.

Next day I received a letter from a very worried parent who sent me a copy of the Bill. It was in March of this year that the Minister for Health (Hon. B. Austin, MLA) had delivered his Second Reading Speech in support of this ATROCIOUS Bill. It is another insidious attack on the family unit by a bureaucracy bowing to the dictates of the UNITED NATIONS, formulating replacement legislation in keeping with the aims of U.N. Treaties and the activities of their International Year of Disabled Persons.

These are sentences taken from the Minister's speech, showing that the thrust of the Bill is Humanistic, concerned with man-made 'rights' to the detriment of God-given inalienable rights.

Anything that has its origin in the United Nations is Marxist in principle, Humanistic in religion, and Nazi in its totalitarianism.

TOTAL CONTROL IS THE U.N. GOAL!

The whole thing is contrary to our Joint Government Policies and MUST BE THROWN OUT!

Honourable members will be aware that the year of 1981 was declared by the general assembly of the United Nations to be the International Year of Disabled Persons. ....

Included in proposals put forward by my colleague, the Honourable the Minister for Welfare and Member for Redcliffe towards attaining the aim of that year's activities was a request for a review of legislation and policies related to Handicapped Persons. ....

A review of the Backward Persons Act of 1938 was, at the time, well under way within my Department. The formulation of suitable replacement legislation has been seen to be not only timely but essential.

The thrust of such legislation must be consistent with the most advanced thinking with regard to the rights and responsibilities of intellectually handicapped persons in our society. ... God-given or man-made?

In the initiation of legislation which is designed to assist intellectually handicapped adults to exercise their citizenship in the least restrictive fashion, the Queensland Government will introduce a new era.

The Proposed Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Act is a unique piece of legislation on the Australian scene. The term "Intellectually Handicapped Citizen" recognises the person as an individual participant in the life of the community, in other words a "citizen".



# Bill 'threatens Qld freedom'

As I have warned over the years, United Nations' Treaties, when ratified and embodied in new or amended legislation, spell the END OF DEMOCRACY, for they are the instrument of WORLD GOVERNMENT BY STEALTH. That is why we must NOT sit back and allow the Humanistic element in the bureaucracy to slip this proposed dictatorial Nazi-type law through our State Parliament, so that the first inkling people have of it is when it begins to affect them adversely.

All we have to do is publicize the nature of this Bill and an enlightened citizenry will soon protest, for this Bill threatens the God-given rights of every Queensland family - and our Parliamentarians need to be made aware of this.

Not only must we NOT allow this Bill to become law - we must likewise, also NOT ratify the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. (See the enclosed brochure advertising a PUBLIC RALLY against this Treaty, next Sunday, 10/7/83, at 2.30 p.m., at the City Hall.) The absolute power that would be wielded by the "world manipulators", who could then force new and amended legislation in line with this Convention - even against the will of the majority - is frightening to contemplate.

## *the Voice of the People*

By the first week of June our campaign against the Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Bill was well under way! Already it has achieved its first success - the Health Minister's Secretary has just 'phoned to tell me that Mr. Austin has agreed to my request that he extend the date for receiving submissions from the public until 31/7/83.

Because of other pressing matters, I was not able to contact everyone on our 'Phone Chain this time, but MANY THANKS to those who were able to join with me in telephoning or writing the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Health, other Cabinet Ministers and local M.Ps. THANKS ALSO to anyone - known and unknown - who supported me on the two 'TALKBACK' Programmes.

I was also delighted to see the response - letters to the Editor - to my posting out copies of the Bill to interested people who requested them. Following are sentences taken from copies of letters that concerned people have written to Parliamentarians, newspapers, etc. I have shown in boxes relevant sentences from the Health Minister's speech supporting the Bill at its Second Reading in Parliament last March. My comments on sections of the Bill are \$1.

"The Bill centres on an attempt to impose upon a handicapped person a "Friend" to look after the interests of the handicapped person. But let us look at sec.28.3, "A spouse, parent, grand-parent, child, grand-child, brother or sister of the intellectually handicapped citizen or a person who works in a paid capacity providing services to the intellectually handicapped citizen or any other prescribed person shall not be appointed to be his Friend."

"The Bill states that the "Friend" CANNOT BE A RELATIVE, but can be "any other person who has attained THE AGE OF 18 years."

*Friends*

Friends will be unpaid citizen volunteers and their activities will be organized by the Co-ordinator of Friends at the direction of the Council. The role of the Friend will be as a "good mate" as Australians understand the term.

"The wording of this Bill - "Where ... any person so nominated (i.e. by the intellectually handicapped citizen) is not approved by the Council, the Co-ordinator of Friends may nominate a person to be appointed as the Friend of the intellectually handicapped citizen" - gives absolutely no assurance that the handicapped person or his family will be given any real say in the matter of choosing the "Friend". How impersonal can bureaucracies get?"



The intellectually handicapped citizen will be given the opportunity to nominate a person to be appointed as his friend. Where he does not do so, or is unable to do so, the Co-ordinator of Friends may nominate a suitable person.

"The family need commit no crime or offence of any description under existing law to have virtually all its rights trodden upon by some self-appointed or "Council"-appointed 'airy-fairy do-gooder'."

*new  
legal  
status!*

The proposed Act will achieve a new status in law for the intellectually handicapped citizen. ....

The proposed Act will provide in cases deemed necessary by the Council, a practical means of supporting the personal resources of the intellectually handicapped citizen in a way which is sensitive to the needs, abilities and limitations of each individual person.

"The Council consists of five 'faceless men' chosen by the Minister on the basis of their "appropriate knowledge" (Sec.8), but what is "appropriate knowledge" is not defined."

*Council*

The Council will be composed of five members appointed by the Governor in Council who have appropriate knowledge of intellectual handicap by reason of their qualification and/or experience. ....

The Council's sensitive response to the life situation of the Intellectual Handicapped Citizen is the essence of the proposed Act.

"Sec.30 of the Bill permits almost anybody over 18 years of age to apply to have this 'special intervention' foisted upon anyone likely to have functional, personal or social needs". [S.30(1)] What an opportunity for vindictive relatives, neighbours or acquaintances!!"

"Any person supplying to the Council information to prove the functional incompetence of any citizen is, by the Bill, protected from being "liable in any way or answerable on any account in respect thereof. What an opportunity for revenge!!"

*"Informant"  
protected  
by law.*

The Bill sets out the persons whose applications with regard to an intellectually handicapped citizen may be considered by the Council, and this includes as well as the person himself, family members, officers of the Council, of any court, of the police force, or any adult with a proper interest in his welfare. [S.30(1)(f)]

Provision is made for the Council to obtain and consider information relevant to that application. Legal protection is afforded to the persons supplying such information to the Council in good faith.

"Proper interest" is not defined... "Functional, personal or social needs" in Social Work degree course books includes sexual intercourse and other sexual actions."

"The Bill gives us no insight into how the Co-ordinator of Friends is chosen nor what type of person he might be, neither does it throw any light on the matter of where he will recruit his supply of "Friends". Neither are we told the value system under which they will be orientated and trained."

"This information is extremely important to those who fear that their handicapped relative will be subjected forcibly, whether they agree with it or not, to the Humanistic lifestyle and values of, perhaps, some lecturers or students. According to the University's 1982 Undergraduate Degree Handbook social work students must (1) concern themselves with 'social vulnerability'; (2) practice knowledge and skills for use in social work INTERVENTION; (3) study biological determinants of behaviour, the growing responsibility of the State for individual welfare, and deviance, revolution and social change; as well as doing 160 days of field work practice in preparation for their work with individuals and families to HELP THEM MEET THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS.

The Co-ordinator of Friends will only have to ring up the Social Work Faculty for Friends to be turned on in droves from their students."



4.  
"The Social Worker course includes subjects offered by the Dept. of Anthropology & Sociology, whose staff includes Dr. Paul Wilson (U.D.H/book pp.356, 345/6, 426, 432, 469 & 479). Books by Dr. Wilson in the University of Queensland Library include:-  
The Man They called a Monster; Australian Social Issues of 70s; Australia's Future; The Other Side of Rape; Of Public Concern; and Social Deviance in Australia."

*The "Friend" will support the I.H.C. person's "needs" & "rights" (moral autonomy) as against parental control.*

As a result of such advances in education, care and treatment, the concept of control is recognized as an outmoded method of relating to the needs of the intellectually handicapped person. Consequently we are not looking to restrict the rights or the self respect of an individual. Rather, we are constantly looking to support the individual and seeking to assist rather than control.

"The certification and definition of handicapped is left up to our self-styled "experts". If they deem your child (or you) handicapped (a term difficult to define and describe), he IS HANDICAPPED as far as this new law would be concerned. You could have the "wrong" ideological ideas and be deemed 'soft in the head' and thus in need of some level of "INTERVENTION". "

Initially, the Council will be required as one of its functions to make determinations as to whether or not a person who is the subject of an application is so severely limited in his functional competence that he has or is likely to have (functional, personal or social needs) that are unsatisfied and that are likely to remain unsatisfied unless he receives the special intervention provided for by the proposed Act. ....

The term "functional competence" simply refers to an individual's ability to carry out functions of daily living, including care and maintenance of his person and his home, ability to make decisions, or ability to exercise certain basic civic duties. The individual ability of a person to perform such tasks determines his individual degree of independence for functioning as a member of the community.

However, functional competence refers to only part of the total person and it is essential to be aware of the personal and social needs of an individual and the difficulty that may be experienced in expressing or communicating such needs. ....

The proposed Act sets a positive course of recognition of such handicapped people. Historically legislation has taken a negative view of the intellectually handicapped person and has used derogatory and limiting terms such as "idiot", "imbecile" and "mental defective". At Best it has provided guardianship, which in itself is a (limiting concept) when applied to an adult. .... *(adult in age but not in intellect.)*

The Council also will be required to ascertain if an Intellectually Handicapped Citizen is competent in law to give consent for matters affecting himself, such as matters of professional treatment and care, and his personal residence.

*The framers of the Bill are opposed to the idea of "guardians"*

"This Bill would empower "a Legal Friend" to take full charge of the intellectually handicapped person's TOTAL LIFE - his/her daily program, his professional treatment and care (including surgical procedures - i.e. abortion??) and personal residence."

Should the Council decide that such competence is lacking then the Council will provide the services of the legal friend to act on behalf of an intellectually handicapped citizen. ....

Similarly, all intellectually handicapped citizens will have access to the advice, guidance, and representation of a Legal Friend, who by virtue of his legal qualifications, will provide assistance with those life situations in which the intellectually handicapped citizen lacks the necessary skills and judgement.

A particularly important role is to be assumed by the Legal Friend in cases where he gives consent for medical, surgical and dental procedures for the benefit of the Intellectually Handicapped Citizen or where he consents to the admission of that Citizen to a facility providing care and (residence).

*"Legal Friend" can take over the I.H.C. person*

"The Bill would empower the "Legal Friend" to make the intellectually handicapped person's will for him, regardless of the wishes of the family."

The Bill provides for the creation of the position of a Legal Friend who may obtain or provide to an intellectually handicapped citizen who is receiving the special intervention provided for by the proposed Act advice and information with respect to his legal rights and legal procedures and specialized services or agencies.



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**SORRY ..**

I apologize to members for the late arrival of this issue of 'STOP PRESS'. First, its preparation was delayed through pressure of work combined with a run of sickness in the family (something quite unusual for us since we have been so deeply involved in the Lord's battles). Then the photocopier (generally so reliable) decided to play up and actually is still causing us problems that have not yet been rectified. Can we perhaps blame all the wet weather and the salt air down here? Or was it Satan? It has also put me back with preparation of STOP & CARE'S submission to the Minister for Health regarding the controversial Intellectually Handicapped Citizens Bill.

Seeing it is now 25th July, I can add this latest piece of information regarding the I.H.C. Bill:

After seeking unsuccessfully since early in June to be granted an interview with the Health Minister (Hon. B.Austin), I finally contacted him by 'phone yesterday at his home.

I asked Mr. Austin, in view of the late publication of this issue, for a further extension of time for preparation of submissions. However, my request this time was, unfortunately, NOT granted. Therefore, PLEASE NOTE ~

**- URGENT -**

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ... .. 31/7/83

The Health Minister says closing time will NOT be extended, so I do hope you will be able to make it!



While on the 'phone with Mr. Austin, I said it was a pity that

- (1) I had not been able to speak with him prior to going public with my opposition to the Bill;
- (2) the concern that he expressed to me for parents who wanted to provide satisfactory security (after their death) for their handicapped offspring was not really provided for in the wording of the Bill as finally produced by his Department; and
- (3) the important question of who should be legally the guardian of those who are adults chronologically, but NOT mentally, was not decided in favour of parents.  
(It is loudly proclaimed as a shortcoming of the present Act that parents are not legally able to act on behalf of the I.H.C. - SO WHY did the bureaucrats who drew up this new Bill specifically exclude parents or other next-of-kin from this important role, and give it to strangers??)

I do hope readers have seen the connection between

- (1) the decision against Tasmania in the FRANKLIN DAM CASE - on the grounds that the HIGH COURT believes in THE SUPREMACY OF THE UNITED NATIONS' TREATIES),
- (2) Australia's RATIFICATION of the U.N. COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, the UNESCO TREATY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION, and the U.N. CONVENTION AGAINST ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN,
- (3) Queensland's INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS BILL (said in the Minister's prepared speech to Parliament to be the outcome of an attempt to attain the aim of the activities of the UNITED NATIONS' INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS). and
- (4) the fact that the UNITED NATIONS is admitted to be "the place where NEW ETHICAL VALUES FOR NATIONS AND MANKIND ARE EVOLVING." (U.N. Meditation Group Bulletin 1977, and World Goodwill Commentary 1981 on 'The United Nations: Entering the Global Age'), and these CHANGING VALUES are such that they represent a grave danger to the family and our free conservative society.

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I have warned many times over the years of the grave threat to the family and our Christian way of life, that is posed by the extremists who control or support the UNITED NATIONS and their totalitarian plan for WORLD GOVERNMENT. While these warnings may have seemed farfetched to some at the time, events are unfortunately proving them true.

In fact there is nothing that I have previously written that I have had to retract or that I would not repeat today. In fact I intend soon to reprint a lot of my earlier articles in booklet form, as they should now be more credible than they were when originally written!

The United Nations' threat to our democratic freedom is now obvious for all to see. Do you not, therefore, wish to help us resist this U.N. octopus that is gradually strangling our country. Photocopying and circulating takes MONEY!! So will you write out a cheque as your first step in our campaign to have our Federal M.Ps. withdraw and terminate (by notification of Australia's wish to denounce) many U.N. Conventions.

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The following excellent article (taken from the October/November 1979 "Letter from PLYMOUTH ROCK", published by the PLYMOUTH ROCK FOUNDATION, PO Box 425, Marlborough, NH 03455 USA) was published by the FOUNDATION for the ADVANCEMENT of CHRISTIAN STUDIES in their "F.A.C.S. REPORT" (PO Box 52, Wahroonga, NSW, 2076). You may like to write them. Because this article expresses so well my own sentiments and motivation for serving Christ in the battle for godly civil government, I am reprinting this as a Supplement to "STOP PRESS" Vol.12, Nos. & [Ed.]

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## ON GOVERNING GOVERNMENT

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of The Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*  
*I Cor. 15:58*

CHRISTIANS HAVE BOTH the right and the responsibility to govern that which governs their civil affairs. We do not drop to some alien status, we do not become second-class citizens, when we acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and King. In fact, since Christ is to be King of all, Christians must work for godly civil government.

The Christian who neglects or denies such responsibility invites the ungodly to usurp the functions and powers of civil government. Politics, like nature, abhors a vacuum; it is the lot of those who fail to govern government to be governed by those who do. And, do we not find ourselves in such situations in many areas of civil government today?

CONSIDER THE ORIGIN and purpose of civil government.

The origin of government is God (Gen. 9:5,6)! God, not man, originated civil government. He ordained it, He established it. God made man His vice-regent in such affairs and charged man to govern government in keeping with His purposes and laws. Man, in effect, holds God's proxy for civil government; he will be held to answer for the manner in which he exercises that proxy.

The purpose of government is to serve God! Many Christians seem to overlook that Biblical fact. Inadvertently, they confuse the reason for civil government with the purpose of such government.

The reason for civil government (as ordained by The Lord God) was and is to protect human life ("in the image of God created He them") and the properties that are the extensions of that life.

The purpose of civil government (as established by The Lord God) was and is to cause man to live in obedience to God's laws.

Those who hold public office are to be "ministers of God" to the people for good (Rom. 13:1-7). Those in power are to exercise that power in accordance with God's divine purposes and laws:

- to protect those who would lead a "quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:2), and
- to punish the evildoer (Rom. 13:4; I Pet. 2:14).

The early American Christians understood God's purpose and His instructions in this regard. Mark their words!

The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (the first American Constitution, Jan. 14, 1638): "...well-knowing that where a people are gathered together the word of God requires that to maintain peace and union of such a people there should be an orderly and decent government established according to God...."

The Great Law of the Pennsylvania colony (April 25, 1682): "Whereas the glory of Almighty God and the good of mankind is the reason and the end of government, and therefore government itself is a venerable ordinance of God...."

And, again, from The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, these words concerning personal responsibility to The Lord in the election of public office-holders and the enactment of civil laws: "The privilege of election which belongs to the people, therefore, must not be exercised according to their humors, but according to the blessed will and law of God."

In other words, this: Because government belongs to God, government must be governed according to His laws. Who but godly people will see that this is so?

CIVIL GOVERNMENT IS the fruit, the end-product, of self-government. The internal (self) is causative of the external (civil) (Matt. 12:35). If we are to change the character of civil government, so that it is godly, we must first change the character of our self-government, so that it is godly. The individual who cannot govern himself in such manner is hardly fit or qualified to govern civil government (Prov. 25:28).



FOR THE CHRISTIAN WHO WOULD BE GODLY, THEN, POLITICAL ACTION BEGINS WITH SELF!

It begins with the heart, with that "inner voice of authority." It begins as an "inside" job. If we would turn the world upside down for Christ (Acts 17:6) we must first ask Him to set our hearts right-side up!

Some may be impatient with such order of priority on the grounds of "immediacy." They may object that "time is of the essence." But, whose time? Their time? Or, God's?

Short-cuts that build structures without foundations are of man and of the moment. They do not stand. They are fleeting efforts that wash away with the tides of passion; reactions that follow the siren calls of this world. Is it not all too evident that such short-cuts of the past have failed? Where is their success? Have they not, in fact, often resulted in a tarnished witness and an uncertain trumpet? In too many instances they have served not God, but man. Men on white horses are but humanistic substitutes for The One Eternal King (Prov. 25:26). God is to be our law-giver, our judge, and our executive (Is. 33:22).

BECAUSE GOVERNMENT BELONGS to God, and is to be governed by His laws, consider the bed-rock requirement for godly political action: The Holy Bible must be the Great Political Textbook for the Christian.

It was because early American Christians studied and mastered Biblical principles of self- and civil government that they were used of God to found the first and only Christian civil government. (It is, incidentally, a fact of American history that prior to the war of independence, God's Spirit swept the land with a Great Awakening that brought the colonists back to The Bible.)

When today's Australian Christians master and begin to apply Biblical principles of government, then we realistically call upon The Lord God to heal our land and restore its foundations (2 Chron. 7:14). And, it will be done not to glorify men, or groups, but Him!

There are now various plans and programs on Christian political action. Many deal mainly, or solely, with the techniques and tactics and media of the secular political world. There is some value in such effort but generally it puts the cart before the horse. If such programs are truly to serve The Living God, and to bring honor and glory to His name, they must deal with - must concentrate on - basic Biblical principles and precepts of self- and civil

government. God first - then come tactics and techniques.

Government is God's. It is to be governed by His laws. It is to be guided by the Biblical principles and precepts His Book sets forth. As followers of Christ, those for whom He is both Savior and King, it is our task to strive toward that goal.

Where shall we begin? In a July 17, 1979, sermon on Biblical principles of government, Dr. James Singleton (Tri-City Baptist Church, Tempe AZ), marked the starting gate:

"We start internally, always - because every external problem starts internally. What we find on the outside is a manifestation of that which is on the inside.

"We need to start with individual repentance of rebellion against God who made us. We need to come back to The Book and we need to start to live by the principles that are found in The Book - and on which [America] was founded.

"We need to take these Biblical principles and start to apply them. We won't get them overnight. But, just realize that it all starts with 'me' - starts on the inside, starts with 'me' on my knees. It doesn't start with the White House, or the Senate, or the House of Representatives ... it starts with 'me' saying 'Oh, God! Search me and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts.'

"I know folks who are tired ... who worked their heads off to get the 'right man' into office ... and then he turned out to be just like the others who came down the pike. So, they are discouraged. I am not discouraged because I know it starts with me.

"I may not be able to do anything about [Washington] that may be a little too big for me. But I can start with me and, by the grace of God, I can rid my mind of all the humanism that has been planted there over the years - and the secularism and the ungodliness ... and I can get my own heart right with God.

"THEN, IF ENOUGH PEOPLE DO THAT, OUT OF THE INTERNAL WILL COME THE RIGHT EXTERNAL!"

"If we will only start to think in terms of Biblical principles - not in terms of expediency, not in terms of what it means to 'me', but in terms of Biblical principles - we can turn this nation back to God."

In such a way we serve The Living God! And, is that not the purpose - the only proper role - for the Christian to become involved in politics?

[From the October/November, 1979, "Letter From PLYMOUTH ROCK," published by the PLYMOUTH ROCK FOUNDATION, P.O. Box 425, Marlborough, NH 03455 USA.]



"Furthermore, "where the intellectually handicapped citizen is unable to express his wishes, the Legal Friend shall act with regard to the interests of the intellectually handicapped citizen in such a way as he considers the intellectually handicapped citizen's wishes WOULD BE IF he were able to EXPRESS THEM." (Sec.27.2)"

"wishes"

In doing so, he is required to endeavour to carry out the wishes of the intellectually handicapped citizen as expressed or, if unable to be expressed, as he believes those wishes would be. *(whether good or not.)*

"This Bill allows that a family, which has cared for its handicapped child since infancy, can be confronted, when this child turns 18 years of age, with a person unknown to the family, which this Bill terms a "Friend", who demands to see their child to inform him/her of his/her "rights", and to discuss how his/her "personal and social needs" or "rights" can be met or provided.

"needs"

In a uniquely personal way, the intellectually handicapped citizen will be introduced to a "friend" who will provide support in several ways to meet the diversity of personal and social needs in the life of the intellectually handicapped citizen. *(including sex?)*

"What 'personal or social needs' covers is not spelt out in the Bill, but visiting psychologist, Dr. Sol Gordon of U.S.A, in a recent address given in the Bardon Professional Centre in Brisbane, was definite that the term included sexual intercourse and other sexual activities."

"rights"

A friend will provide emotional support to the intellectually handicapped citizen and will act in respect to the expressed interests of the intellectually handicapped citizen wherever possible. The involvement of individual volunteers in this way is a concept which has been used successfully in other countries, such as the United States of America. It is the intent of the proposed legislation that emphasis be placed on the rights and preferences of intellectually handicapped citizens and the Friends program will provide the means of personalizing this concept. ....

In doing so, he is required to endeavour to carry out the wishes of the intellectually handicapped citizen as expressed or, if unable to be expressed, as he believes those wishes would be. *(even if taking risks?)*

Research has shown conclusively that positive expectations about any person's abilities encourage that person to achieve his full potential. *(incl*

"The Bill seems to be deliberately undermining the relationship between the handicapped person and his caring parent, spouse or other relative. Responsibility without authority and control is an impossible burden to place on anyone's shoulders."

but  
not  
"control"

The Bill recognises the individual dignity of the Intellectually Handicapped Citizen. It is designed to repeal and supersede the Backward Person's Act of 1938 which was developed in a different age and context and intended to make provision for the education and care, treatment and control of backward persons. ....

The proposed Act is a conscious effort to minimize such intrusions yet provide the essential support of friendship, advice and guidance to an intellectually handicapped citizen in our community, to the extent necessary but no more and no less than necessary. *(in whose opinion?)*

"To add insult to injury, a stranger to the family is appointed with superior rights over the welfare of the handicapped person than the family and relatives of the handicapped person."

The Bill  
makes  
no provision  
for any  
"guardians"

The relationship of both the Legal Friend and the volunteer friend with respect to intellectually handicapped citizens is therefore of a different kind and quality to the relationship which handicapped citizens will continue to enjoy with their parents, brothers and sisters and other family members.

This difference is underlined by the choice of the word "friend". In their respective roles the Legal Friend and the volunteer friend are to act with regard to the interests of intellectually handicapped citizens as if they were their own.

The proposed act therefore does not contain the concept of "guardianship" whereby another person undertakes the role of the parent. It is not intended to provide a substitute for the parental relationship either during or after the parents' lifetime, or indeed a substitute for other close family relationships.



6.

However, even during the time when intellectually handicapped citizens are able to call on parents or other family members for support and guidance, special problems may arise which are complicated by their handicap. It is in these situations that the Legal Friend and the volunteer friends are able to represent the intellectually handicapped citizen in an individual way.

"The Bill seeks to give the bureaucrats the right to enter the family home "day or night", impose fines upon families (\$500), and influence and manipulate its child or children - all in the name of serving intellectually handicapped citizens."

"This stranger can, with the help of the Police Force, "enter the premises during such hours of the day or night as the warrant specifies or, if the warrant specifies, at ANY TIME, if necessary BY FORCE ..." (Sec.42.4) It is possible we could have no peace in our homes from this stranger neither day nor night."

"If the stranger considers that his work in the family home is "obstructed or hindered", a penalty of \$500 (Sec.42.7) is imposed on the family. It is conceivable that every visit of this stranger could cost you (or a family member) \$500."

*Police and "Friends" may enter at any hour by force.*

The Bill establishes the right of Friend or Legal Friend to enter premises with the consent of the occupier or person in charge for the purposes of this Act.

Where that consent is refused, provision has been made for a warrant of a justice to be obtained which will authorize a police officer to enter the premises for the purpose of allowing the Friend or Legal Friend to exercise his role on behalf of the intellectually handicapped citizen. The warrant may, with prescribed conditions provide for entry at any hour of the day or night and the use of force if necessary.

A financial penalty of \$500 has been provided for the unreasonable obstruction or hinderance of a person acting with authority of a warrant issued under Sub Clause 42(4).

"Therefore this stranger (about whose morals we know nothing), decides alone, regardless of the wishes of the handicapped person's family, what is good for him. He may take the handicapped person to a brothel or get him drunk if "he considers" it is the handicapped person's wish. The stranger, however, is not "liable in any way in law". The parents (or spouse) of the handicapped person would have to pick up the pieces and expenses of any injury or harm that might result."

"Furthermore, our do-gooder, no matter what insult or injury he perpetrates upon the hapless family or one of its "intellectually handicapped citizens" shall not be "liable in any way in law or answerable on any account in respect thereof". (Sec.28.6)"

"It is monstrous that you could do nothing about the behaviour of this stranger in your own home (although he could cause you to be fined \$500) for the Bill states that he shall not be "liable in any way in law or answerable on any account in respect thereof." (Sec.28.6)"

"Should the stranger that was imposed on the family do the handicapped person some harm or cause some harm to be done to him or her, the law would TOTALLY protect the stranger, for he is not 'answerable' on any account". All kinds of harm or injury could come to the unsuspecting handicapped person from this stranger - who would not need to worry about the consequences of his action as the law could not touch him. He is made above the law; a concept totally foreign to our concept of justice!"

*"Friend" protected by law.*

The friends program will draw on the flexibility, enthusiasm, life experience, and the valuable time and resources of the citizens of Queensland, and will be a reflection of the shared concern of the community and the government. ....

They will not assume the role of professional counsellors, therapists or other practitioners. The Bill provides that they will not be answerable at law in respect of advice given in their role as friends.

"I cannot imagine a more unjust or reprehensible law!"



"Are we living in the Communist Soviet Union or communist Red China? I could not believe it but indeed this terrible Bill has been introduced into our State Parliament ...under the name of Hon. Brian Austin, Minister for Health. Has Mr. Austin read it? If he has ... and he agrees with it... then I call for his immediate resignation from Cabinet. "

"Otherwise I call upon the Honourable Minister, not only to repeal this horrid piece of legislation immediately, but to conduct an investigation into HOW THIS BILL CAME TO BE DRAWN UP AND BY WHOM. WHO in the Department of Health is RESPONSIBLE? They ought to be SACKED immediately. "

"Claims made of 'hard cases' and 'use of the provisions in exceptional circumstances only' do NOT ALTER THE WORDING OF THE BILL, and Courts always interpret laws on the wording thereof, not on the claims made. "

"This Bill must rank as the MOST TOTALITARIAN BILL ever presented in State Parliament!"

"This is an evil Act unworthy of any democratic legislature, and sadly there has been not a whimper of protest from the Opposition." So could we be sure they would be any better than the present Government?"

It was interesting to hear on 4QR Talkback programme the vain attempt by a top official from the Health Department to defend this Bill against the informed listeners who 'phoned in to question her. More, rather than less, people will now be worried over the underlying implications of the Bill.

We were told that no one (not even parent) has the right under existing laws to give consent for another adult (i.e. an intellectually handicapped person), and this Bill rectifies this lack by enabling the Legal Friend to give consent to (a) medical, dental or surgical or other professional treatment and care; (b) the intellectually handicapped citizen's being admitted to residential care. [The Act also adds "such other matters as the Council determines." Ed.]

However, this information did not allay any fears, nor explain why the Bill could not have given this 'right of consent' firstly to parents, spouse or guardian. I am afraid that any assurances that the Bill gives family rights, sound a bit hollow!

What comfort is it to learn that the Legal Friend (or his delegate) is given the right to act according to the option that is the least restrictive of the handicapped person - i.e. permissively contrary to family protective controls, and according to his own interpretation of, and assumptions about, the wishes of the handicapped person? "Family is not excluded," they say!!!

Yet the job of both the Legal and the voluntary "Friend" is to see that the handicapped person (even if his intellectual age be that of a child) is treated in all respects as an adult, and that he knows his rights - no matter if this causes conflict in a previously happy family relationship. Humanists believe the handicapped must also lead as full an adult (sexual) life as can be made possible for them - despite what parents think!

It is emphasized that the handicapped must NOT be taken charge of - so the Bill helps them to take charge of themselves. The Health Dept. official asserted that, since family 'rights' in this context do not presently exist, the Bill cannot be taking away any rights.

*Humanism regards "Moral Autonomy" as the ultimate need and right of all humans.*

I am sure it will be generally recognized that while non-handicapped citizens in our society may receive the loving support and concern of their families into adulthood, they are then able to draw on their own personal resources of ability and experience to assist them with the problems of daily living.

This natural progression to independence is denied in differing degrees to an intellectually handicapped citizen.

The proposed Act will provide in cases deemed necessary by the Council, a practical means of supporting the personal resources of the intellectually handicapped citizen in a way which is sensitive to the needs, abilities and limitations of each individual person.



A 'phone-in enquirer was told that neither the handicapped person nor his next-of-kin can have legal representation at a Council enquiry, and that there is a right of appeal to a Judge of the Supreme Court. Considering the prohibitive costs of Court actions, that provision is of little comfort to an aggrieved next-of-kin.

*Appeal*

Provision is made for an appeal to be made to a Judge of the Supreme Court by a person aggrieved by a determination of the Council or the refusal of the Council to vary assistance provided under this proposed Act.

"Whatever arrangements the parent, spouse or next-of-kin may have made regarding the management of the handicapped person's estate and his will may be overturned by the Council set up under this Bill."

*Public Trustee*

The Bill recognises the well established system for entrusting the management of an intellectually handicapped citizen's estate into the hands of the Public Trustee. The Council is empowered to take such action if in its opinion, such action is required due to the inability of the intellectually handicapped citizen to manage his estate, his vulnerability to undue influence or that such action is necessary in the best interest of the person. ....

"On the 'feelings' of an appointed bureaucrat, any citizen could find himself labelled 'intellectually handicapped' and have this official "direct the Legal Friend to act on his behalf".

*Executive Officer*

The Executive Officer will be subject to the control and direction of the Council. He is authorised, in emergency circumstances to which the Bill refers, to direct the Legal Friend to Act on behalf of a person whom he feels may be an intellectually handicapped citizen.

"In regard to "hard cases", for example, where both parents die and there is no one left to look after the intellectually handicapped child, the reality is that the parents, through their family lawyer, will have made provision for this in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred."

"A law to make provision for these exceptional cases, only to come into force on the death of both parents and without alternative arrangements having been made, would be acceptable. The objection to this present Bill is that it invades the family unit."

We Christians in Queensland MUST see to it that we are governed by god-fearing men who will NOT toe the Humanist line nor kowtow to the Communist-dominated United Nations Organization and its Marxist/socialist schemes for controlling us. Well-meaning Cabinet Ministers will need to be much more vigilant if they are to be certain that what the electorate wants is what their bureaucrats actually put into proposed legislation.

If the bureaucracy is acting in accordance with overriding requirements of United Nations' Treaties, then the Government must work to get us OUT OF THE U.N., or at least get THE TREATIES RENEGED on the grounds that they were ratified without the informed consent of the people, even without our knowledge

Next issue of "STOP PRESS" I hope to publish a copy of our submission to the Minister for Health outlining our objections to this Bill, and the reasons we consider it should be 'axed'. In the meantime, I do urge members, supporters and readers to send in their own submissions. Hopefully you will be able to make use of the information I have published in this "STOP PRESS".

Last, but not least, PRAY that the Great King whom we serve in politics as much as in other areas of our lives, will bless our efforts to preserve this country for Him and for the preaching of His glorious Gospel of the Kingdom, which provides GOD'S PLAN, not man's, for TRUE FREEDOM. (liberty without licence), RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY (with commensurate authority).

Yours in Christian Service,

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