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"Seek that you may excel ..."

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AGAINST  
REGRESSIVE  
EDUCATION

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BILL

I am grateful to Mr.Muntz for having immediately informed me of this draft Bill, supplied me with a copy, and invited me to provide him with my written comments or suggested alterations. I am pleased to report that Mr.Muntz has also granted me an interview to discuss this with him on the morning of 4th July. Please pray for God's help as I prepare STOP & CARE's assessment of the Bill. Also pray for much strong support for this campaign by way of Talkback Radio, and letters to Newspaper Editors, etc.

31ST JULY 1984 (or at the very latest, 17th August) is the extended deadline for the submission of your views on the draft of the above proposed Bill, which was tabled in State Parliament on 12th April by Hon. Geoff Muntz, Minister for Welfare Services and Ethnic Affairs.

After studying this draft Bill closely, I feel compelled to warn that the consequences of this Family Legislation will be -

1. ALL CHILDREN, in ALL conceivable situations, will be put under the watchful eye of the Department.
2. ALL PARENTS, no matter how good they may consider themselves to be as parents, will now become accountable to the State at ALL TIMES.

What makes me say this? I say this because this Bill DESIGNS BY LEGISLATION the REQUIREMENTS OF PARENTING - to be regulated by the Department of Family and Community Development, which is to replace the Children's Services Department.

### A QUICK LOOK AT THIS DRAFT FAMILY BILL

DEFINING THE NEED FOR CHILD PROTECTION: Clause 104 (2) declares, inter alia, that a child is in need of protection -

1. if he is likely to suffer non-accidental bodily injury that is likely to interfere with his comfort; or
2. if the parent (or substitute) is not adequately controlling him; or
3. if the parent is not providing adequate care, food and clothing.

A 'child' is defined as 'apparently under 18 years'. How illogical it is to expect a parent to CONTROL a child from babyhood upward WITHOUT EVER hitting him or withholding a meal, or in any other way interfering with his COMFORT! The parent simply cannot win! Parents everywhere could be criminals without even trying!!

TERMS LACK DEFINITION: Another serious short-coming of the Bill is the number of terms that are left open to interpretation, e.g. -

ABUSE AND NEGLECT: Although much of the Bill is about parents being accused of "suspected abuse and neglect" of their children, what is actually covered



by these words is not explained. Parents are 'in the dark' about what constitutes a crime and what does not, especially when one Clause prevents "interference" with the child's "comfort"!

**ADEQUATE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND CARE:** We find the same problem with the precise meaning of these words also. What is 'adequate' to one person may NOT be so to another. There is a great variety of ways to 'Control a child' - what is right to one may be considered by another to be 'abuse' or 'neglect'. Parents will not be able to determine beforehand whether or not THEIR method contravenes this Act.

**WELFARE AND INTERESTS OF THE CHILD:** In a Bill that specifies its objects as the welfare and well-being of the FAMILY UNIT, and the well-being of the COMMUNITY, and to PROTECT children, it is strange that there is so much emphasis on the paramount importance of the WELFARE and INTERESTS of the CHILD, and that these are undefined. The object of the Bill is to PROTECT the child so as to ensure his HEALTH AND SAFETY - not to legislate to place some vague unspecified 'INTERESTS' of his above those of the family unit.

**RIGHTS OF THE CHILD:** The Bill also seems to be placing some undefined 'rights' of the child over and above the normal rights of the family as a whole. If the Bill is assuming as 'rights of the child' those which appear in the United Nations' Declaration on Child Rights, then I object on the grounds that this is imposing Humanist doctrines from overseas on a Queensland law which should be based on our traditional Christian ethic, which is "part and parcel of the law of this land" (to quote Mr. Justice Kelly).

**BIASSES AND OMISSIONS:** The Bill also suffers from some biasses and omissions that are very perturbing. The Bill concerns itself almost exclusively with how to protect the child from his own parents (or parent substitute), rather than providing comprehensive protection from all sources of risk in the community.

**BIAS AGAINST PARENTS:** For example, the Bill highlights ONE mode of PROTECTION FOR THE CHILD - taking him from his parents and placing him into alternative custody! Thus, although the child can be subject to neglect, abuse, dangers, and exploitation from employers, youth leaders, baby-sitters, behaviour-manipulating educationists, and complete strangers, the Bill views PROTECTION as consisting of INTERVENTION AGAINST PARENTS - not against other perpetrators of anti-child offences.

Of the ten examples detailing "a child in need of protection", only two refer to a risk from persons other than his parents or parent substitutes.

**CAUSING TEACHER/PARENT CONFLICT:** The Bill makes it mandatory (and gives absolute legal protection against any possible defamation charge) for TEACHERS to report their suspicions of abuse or neglect by parents, but discriminates in that NOTHING in the Bill even suggests that parents report on TEACHERS for the same offences!

I handle many complaints of educational neglect, verbal abuse, ill-treatment, psychological damage, and moral and spiritual harm perpetrated in classrooms against children. However, apart from setting up costly local church or parent-run schools - which under this Bill will have to be LICENSED - there is little that can be done to protect the child from educationists who are determined to exploit them.

**VOLUNTEERS AND AGENTS:** The Bill gives blanket approval to unknown and undefined persons, to be known as "VOLUNTEERS", and "AGENTS", who can be given all the powers, authorities, duties and function of the Director of the



# MATCH SOCIALIST FANATICISM WITH CHRISTIAN DETERMINATION

OVER-GOVERNMENT AGAIN! Through yet another section of the Bureaucracy (the Welfare Services and Ethnic Affairs Department), and by the use of slightly different terms and conditions, this Bill is resurrecting some of the very same aspects of OVER-GOVERNMENT that were contained in the EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL and the INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS BILL. The continued persistence of the socialists in the bureaucracies to bring in their oppressive controls should be matched by OUR DETERMINATION to PRESERVE QUEENSLAND'S LIBERTY.

After I alerted the public to those two earlier Bills - and how highly threatening they were to the liberty of Christians and the Church - so much informed public opposition to them was generated that the Government totally revised the former Bill and postponed the latter. However, much that was achieved then is in danger of being lost now if this FAMILY BILL is allowed to become law AS IS.

CHRISTIAN INPUT IS NEEDED: If you were among the thousands of Christians who WROTE TO THE PREMIER when I appealed for action during the previous crises, please do so again on this issue. If you were not in those campaigns, then for the welfare of your family (especially if you are Christians) you must look carefully into this Draft FAMILY BILL, its wording and implications, and then WRITE TO THE PREMIER and THE WELFARE MINISTER.

It is significant that the INTELLECTUALLY HANDICAPPED CITIZENS BILL, the EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL, and this Bill, as drafted, ALL exhibit the same defects:

VAGUE WORDING, ALL-EMBRACING RADICAL CONCEPTS, AND UNDEFINED TERMS,  
WITH THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE FAR-REACHING OPPRESSIVE EFFECTS  
ON THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND THE CHURCH.

1984 DOUBLE-SPEAK: In 1984, we cannot take it for granted that traditional Christian values will, in practice, continue to form the basis of future bureaucratic application of any law, particularly one that seeks TO CONTROL the family and the Church. Nor can we be sure that Appeal Courts would necessarily interpret words from the standpoint of the traditional Christian understanding of the GOD-GIVEN ROLE OF PARENTS in bringing up their OWN children.

The influence of United Nations' conventions has so permeated the Australian community - particularly bureaucracies - that in Departmentally-prepared Bills to 'support' family, the 'welfare' and 'interests' of children and youth, could later be seen as 'protection', 'liberation', or 'separation' from their parents.

IS "CHILD PROTECTION" AN EXCUSE TO BRING ALL CHILDREN UNDER STATE CONTROL?

The FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BILL has the potential to control and over-rule the upbringing of your children - your nurturing and disciplining of them, any part-time work they might do, and even your voluntary caring for your friend's child, and likewise any child-caring or schooling programmes of the church. PLEASE PLAY YOUR PART TO ENSURE IT IS REWRITTEN IN A SAFER FORM.

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"Most people now accept that families cannot presume to do what they like with their children or enjoy the degree of privacy they were allowed in the past." ... "Provided they know and understand the dynamics of the 'at risk' situation, (teachers) are usefully placed to use these skills in detecting patterns of behaviour that could indicate possible abuse. Avenues are then available for the school and teachers to ensure appropriate intervention..."

"Active involvement in identifying and referring cases of child abuse has not traditionally been regarded as part of the educator's role. Objectives in teaching and education have rather been defined in terms of the acquisition of knowledge and academic achievement."... "The contemporary emphasis in education is on concern for the whole child." [From The Teacher As Protector, by Michael Locke, who is a senior officer in Children's Services Dept.]

(OBTAIN 'QUEST' 36 (Nov.1983) from the Education Dept., and read the whole article)



# CHRISTIANITY AND POLITICS DO MIX!

"THE WICKED DOTH COMPASS ABOUT THE  
RIGHTEOUS; THEREFORE WRONG JUDGMENT  
PROCEEDETH." (Habakkuk 1:4)

"WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY,  
THE PEOPLE REJOICE: BUT WHEN THE  
WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE  
MOURN." (Proverbs 29:22)

It is clear from these texts that a nation benefits and the people are happy when those in authority are godly men, who understand the wisdom of God's ways, legislate accordingly, and judge righteously.

God generally does not want in power those who are in revolt against Him, lest they force His people to do wrong. However, when people turn their backs on God, and resort to immorality and violence, then God does allow them to suffer at the hands of ungodly rulers, to bring them back to Him in repentance.

Thus, true Christians have a direct responsibility to be in positions of leadership and authority within society, enabling the people to rejoice, for this is the will of God. Inactivity by Christians is not God's plan. "OCCUPY TILL HE COME" should be our aim. Christians are saved to serve, and so we must NOT wash our hands of society, just because it has become sick.

Maybe God is holding us responsible for the present social decline!

**A C T    N O W !!** Obtain a copy of the Draft Family and Community Development Bill. Study it in the light of the comments I have made in this STOP PRESS. If you wish to go into it in more depth, ORDER from me the REVIEW OF THE BILL that I am hoping to have published shortly:::::COST \$2.

Then please respond to the Minister's request for feedback - WRITE to him The Minister for Welfare Services (Hon.G.Muntz), 239 George St., Brisbane.

This Bill takes the place of the Children's Services Act, and despite the Minister's good intentions to SUPPORT the family, it seems to have within it the seeds of the STATE CONTROL of the family. It is not directed towards eliminating the CAUSES of child abuse and neglect, but rather the philosophy of the Bill seems to be that children need protection from their own PARENTS more than from outsiders. This could well be so in a small minority of cases, but legislators should always bear in mind that

===== "HARD CASES MAKE BAD LAWS". =====

Parents are almost considered GUILTY as a foregone conclusion, simply on SUSPICION, whereas British Justice has traditionally held that the accused is always considered to be INNOCENT until PROVED guilty. This is one of the many safeguards of living under Christian rule (guaranteed by our Christian Constitution) and it MUST be preserved for us and for our posterity.

The Minister, in his introductory Parliamentary speech, said that the Bill "is designed to be sufficiently flexible to accommodate social change as it occurs, and recognizes both the current and future potential of the Queensland community. Community development is a key concept within the Bill."

JUST WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, AND HOW WILL IT ULTIMATELY BE INTERPRETED?

An article published in an Education Department publication ("Quest No.36", November, 1983) gives the impression that almost anything could constitute "suspected child abuse or neglect". I recommend that readers try to obtain a copy from the Education Minister's office, and judge for themselves.



The November 1983 issue of the Education Department publication, "QUEST", devoted 14 pages to the subject of CHILD ABUSE.

In case readers have not been able to obtain a copy of this "QUEST", we are reproducing this page in a bona fide attempt to let you see for yourselves how teachers are being encouraged to become skillful at detecting patterns of behaviour that could make them suspicious of child abuse.

Reading these through makes me wonder how a child should behave so as to avoid casting suspicion on his parents!

Whoever drew up this list really seems to have the game sewn up against parents!

WOULD YOU NOT AGREE THAT THIS SEEMS TO BE A BLUEPRINT FOR THE SCHOOLS' TAKING OVER THE PARENTING ROLE - IN LINE WITH EDUCATIONISTS' CLAIMS TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE WHOLE CHILD?

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HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING

MORE ANTI-FAMILY?

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- Para.1: "abomination"  
"failed miserably"
- Para.2: "parents did not have any right to care for their children"
- Para.6: "white children ... faced tremendous problems...at severe risk of abuse ...often incapable parents."
- Para.7: "20th century family unit... would not work. Modern parents lacked training."
- Para.8: "challenged traditional mores which said the parent was always right and that the child was best cared for by the natural parents."
- Para.9: "urged a more suspicious attitude to parents ... instead of naive stance ...that parent would not harm a child."
- Para.10: "not any regard for the parents."

COURIER-MAIL JUNE 4, 1984

# Parents 'have no right to care for children'

By HELEN CORCORAN

THE nuclear family was a 20th century abomination that had failed miserably, a children's specialist told a Brisbane child abuse seminar yesterday.

Dr Judianne Densen-Gerber, of the United States, said that contrary to popular opinion, parents did not have any right to care for their children, but rather had a responsibility to provide their offspring with a safe, healthy and loving environment.

If parents failed in that responsibility, their children should be provided with an alternative environment in which to grow up normally.

Dr Densen-Gerber and her husband, US forensic scientist Dr Michael Baden, spoke before 350 police officers, welfare workers, doctors, solicitors and community members at the conference.

They showed slides of physical-

ly and sexually abused children from the US and copies of child pornographic material, some of which was bought in Sydney.

The two doctors said children, and particularly white children in Western societies, faced tremendous problems in the 1980s. Many were at severe risk of abuse — physical, sexual and emotional — from over-stressed and often incapable parents.

The 20th century mobile family unit was not working and would not work, the doctors said. Modern parents lacked the training for their roles as mothers and fathers and did not have the support of an extended family to relieve stress and offer advice.

The couple, who have eight children, challenged traditional mores which said the parent was always right and that the child

was best cared for by the natural parents.

They urged a more suspicious attitude to the parents of repeatedly ill children, instead of the often naive and ignorant stance, particularly evident in doctors, that a parent would not wilfully harm a child.

"The first priority must be the child's safety and well-being, not any regard for the parents. Any environment, including the home, in which a child is subject to abuse is bound to be harmful," Dr Densen-Gerber said.

Dr Baden was a member of the committees which investigated the assassinations of US President John F. Kennedy and black rights leader, Martin Luther King.

He became involved in the fight against child abuse after examining the bodies of abused children and trying to prosecute offending parents.



## Checklist

- The child is aggressive, disruptive, destructive. This behaviour may reflect a hostile or emotionally destructive climate at home, or the child may be imitating destructive parental behaviour.
- The child is shy, withdrawn, passive, or overly compliant. The problems may have been internalised and the cry for help is a whisper rather than a shout.
- The child habitually plays truant or is chronically tardy without adequate excuse. Problems of adjustment at home, at school, within the child, or in combination, are probable.
- The child comes to school much too early and hangs around the school after dismissal. This child may be seeking to escape from home or may be 'pushed out' in the morning and have no place to go after school because no one supervises or cares.
- The child is inadequately dressed for the weather; clothing is torn, tattered, or dirty. These signs, not necessarily related to poverty, may indicate physical neglect and probably reflect a breakdown in household management and concern for the child.
- The child comes to school without breakfast or goes without lunch. This, too, is often a problem unrelated to poverty.
- The child is always tired and sleeps in class. Such conditions are symptomatic of parental failure to regulate the child's routines or of family problems which disrupt family routines.
- The child appears in need of medical attention, glasses or dental work.
- The child bears bruises, welts or contusions.
- The child complains of beatings or other maltreatment.
- The parents are aggressive and abusive or apathetic and unresponsive when approached about problems concerning their child.
- Parental behaviour as observed by school personnel or as described by the child seems bizarre.
- The parents show little concern about the child. They fail to participate in school activities or do not permit the child to participate.



ENSURING THE MORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN

CHILD PROTECTION: One object of the Bill is to PROTECT THE CHILD (Clauses 10, and 104-114). This is very COMMENDABLE, and I am very happy to see that the Bill makes provision -

- (1) to pay parents who cannot afford to support their own children, rather than pay foster parents to do so, and
- (2) to protect children from viewing or participating in child pornography.

I believe children also URGENTLY NEED PROTECTION from X-rated videos, obscene, violent, horrific, anti-family or anti-Christian T.V., radio, and reading material, and over-explicit sex education films, etc.

STOP & CARE was formed fourteen years ago TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS, so perhaps STOP, CARE & ACTS might be eligible to receive government support under this Bill? I mentioned this at one of the seminars held last year in preparation for the drafting of this Bill, but doubt anyone took me seriously!

Now, in view of Clause 62(1)(c)(ii)(C), and since our Remedial Academy is not a State School, nor an approved non-government school, the Association for Community Tutorial Services (ACTS) would need a LICENCE to allow us to care for educationally-abused children in their parents' absence! And, unless the Bill is changed, we could be committing a crime if we used corporal punishment.

When at the Seminar, I pointed out that the Bill should address itself much more to the aspect of child abuse and neglect that arises from LACK OF PROTECTION of the child FROM MORAL, SPIRITUAL, AND EDUCATIONAL HARM, as well as from physical harm. These protections are the main provisions in our Aims & Objects.

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ACTION.....

Your meaningful response to this 'STOP PRESS' will show that we value the wisdom of the Minister's invitation to furnish him with feedback.

JOIN WITH ME in a combined attempt to alert the Government to the very real risk to our liberty, should they legislate this entire Bill (together with Departmental Regulations that are presently undisclosed and will not be made known until AFTER the Act is law).

AS DIRECTOR OF STOP & CARE, I URGE YOU TO ASK YOURSELVES -  
"IS ALL THIS BILL NECESSARY, OR IS MUCH OF IT SIMPLY OVER-GOVERNMENT?"  
"IS IT MORE DIVISIVE THAN SUPPORTIVE OF FAMILIES?"

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DONATIONS to STOP & CARE towards expenses of this campaign, and for our new newspaper (probably to be published under the name of CITIZENS ON GUARD (C.O.G.) will be much appreciated.

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# We don't have rules any more

WESTERN civilisation is in the throes of a massive identity crisis. On one hand we see women pretending to be men, in pin stripes, ties and trousers, demanding by legislation half the employment quota of the nation. On the other hand, men are trying to be women. They dress in caftans, pierce their ears and plait their hair and use (I suspect), Chanel No. 4. Now they are being promised they may soon be able to bear children. I'm sure their joy knows no bounds!

Transvestites and homosexuals are pampered, instead of being given medical assistance. "Intersex" objects like Boy George and Marilyn have become the mystical idols of our young generation. To dare suggest that one is repulsed by deviates or perverts, brings the full wrath of the law crashing down over one's confused head. Discrimination laws, affirmative action and human rights commissioners keep the masses in order.

Our language has been torn to shreds. All "male" conno-

tations have been removed and meaningless plastic "persons" substituted. This is all engrossingly important stuff to the feminists who are on a witch hunt for hidden words, innuendos and subtleties, which we are solemnly assured, really DO exist.

However, I believe this is a sexual upheaval brought about by default. The male, always the traditional guardian of society, has become weak and morally emasculated.

## Rebellion

Families are breaking up, children run wild and are in trouble with police because of weak male identity in the home. As goes the family, so goes society and there goes the nation.

If there is no authority figure in the home, neither is there one in society. Rebellion breaks out and authority is ridiculed. Nature abhors a vacuum, and women have HAD to take a leading role.

Boys growing up in a female-

dominated home become effeminate, girls become aggressive. It is pure survival and pure chaos.

Not until men take hold of their responsibilities again as defenders and leaders in the home will stability return to the family or the nation, and an end will come to this transsexual nonsense.

But I'm afraid it may be a bit late to turn the tables. If the poor man began to shout a bit at home and lay down a few rules, his wife would run away to a State-provided women's refuge, his kids would clear out and become homeless teenagers living off the State.

You see, you just don't have rules any more. Everyone does what is right in their own eyes. Then the anti-discrimination people would get the poor fellow and the human rights commissioner would see that he ended up in jail or went bankrupt paying fines for his folly — trying to organise his household indeed!

(Mrs) HELEN CAMERON  
Cattai, NSW

## ABC under fire

A recent ABC program exonerated Mrs Rona Joyner for daring to teach basic reading and writing to failed casualties of our fantastic education system.

The same public instrumentality, which we pay for, mercilessly flayed her for finding fault with multicultural education, now recognised to be seriously flawed by all objective citizens.

To my complete surprise, I have discovered that the ABC has special rights. When I tried to protest about shameful use of money to defame a woman who has worked tirelessly and without recompense to improve Queensland education, I was unable to reach a single big-wig. Their phones are silent.

Whose nose do you tweak when public servants, in an important instrumentality paid for by taxpayers, commit grave improprieties in the name of news dissemination?

Only after many long-distance calls, including one to Canberra, was I able to speak to a terribly important gentleman on the Brisbane ABC staff.

It was to no avail. He told me I had no right to protest to him about an offensive program he was forcing me to pay for. He had rights!

What he failed utterly to comprehend is that Mrs Joyner also has rights, along with those awesome responsibilities she has accepted on account of a corrupt and tainted education system.

The Queensland Teachers' Union — another multimillion dollar organisation — is also directing an unceasing barrage of criticism at Mrs Joyner.

I urge citizens grateful to her for all she has done to improve our schools to help her fight these calumnies. Donations may be sent to Mrs Joyner at PO Box 162, Margate, 4019. — DAN O'DONNELL, former lecturer in education, 89 Wilgarning Street, Stafford

## ALP policy

How can you trust a political party which uses the Australian flag during its election campaign because of its popularity, but which is pledged to change the flag in its national platform?

Chapter 4, Clause 15 of the ALP's Platform, Constitution and Rules advocates a change to the flag and national anthem which will "more distinctively reflect our national independence and identity."

I would not mind betting there are thousands of traditional Australian Labor men and women who would not have a bar of that one. Many are old Diggers.

They know — as I do — that the attack on Australia's flag and anthem "God Save the Queen" comes from a handful of radical academics and the followers they have brainwashed. — WAYNE BUNNING, 128 Sussex Street, Maryborough.

COURIER-MAIL - MAY 17, 1984

## Concern at Marxist teaching

THE report of the so-called "peace" conference at the Banyo Seminary Conference Centre (C-M, May 11) must shock and dismay the parents of children attending independent schools.

The brazen revelation by a Mr Shearman of the ultimate purpose of this Marxist wordfest establishes beyond doubt that it is a fake "peace" exercise and nothing more than a vehicle for Soviet propaganda.

There is obviously to be no reference to the only real threat to world peace today — Soviet imperialism.

If this kind of traitorous rubbish is being forced on our vulnerable children, it is more than time that it was stopped.

Catholic parents and parents of children at other independent schools are not making enormous financial sacrifices to

have perversion of this kind drummed into the minds of our innocent children by Marxist teachers. Nor are we parents lending all our weight towards maintaining government aid for our schools to have them become bases for communist brainwashing.

If the authorities who conduct independent schools do not stop these poisonous activities at once, they will have forfeited the right to expect support from parents and the continuation of government aid.

The protagonists of Soviet foreign policy, masquerading as teachers in independent schools, must be removed from the system before they completely pervert the minds of the children we entrust to them.

I know I speak for many concerned, and, indeed, angry parents in expressing these views. — F.J. Gaffy, Weinhold St., Auchenflower.

Sunday Mail

MAY 20, 1984

## 'Fuzzy-wuzzy angels' should be protected

May I ask if our provident leaders are making contingency plans to protect 3,500,000 Papua New Guineans from the expansion of 160 million Indonesians?

About 90 percent of Indonesians are of the Islamic faith, which is undergoing a militant revival world-wide.

Australia owes the "Fuzzy-wuzzy angels" her support for their valiant assistance to our fighting men in World War II. — Piers Grier, Bishop Street, Darwin.

## Is this a betrayal of our heritage?

One keeps meeting healthy and well-educated Britons, Canadians, Scandinavians and West Germans who are visiting Australia on temporary visas, but who are refused permanent residence.

Meanwhile, more than 40 percent of our official migrant intake is from nations with religious, linguistic and other cultural traditions very different from our own. One suspects that if the illegal immigrants were included, this proportion would be higher.

Is this a betrayal of our heritage and a recipe for disaster? — Jonathan Graham, Stafford Street, Double Bay, NSW.

Albino Chronicle  
Thurs 12th 1984



# Teachers to report the child bashers

QUEENSLAND teachers will be asked to report suspected cases of child abuse. They will be given legal protection for informing.

The Welfare Services Minister, Mr Muntz, said yesterday this was one thrust of legislation included in the new Family and Community Development Bill presented to Parliament on April 12, 1984.

Mr Muntz said a 10-member co-ordinating committee on child abuse and neglect would be responsible for the training of SCAN (suspected child abuse and neglect) teams throughout the state.

The committee will include representatives of the Health, Police and Welfare Departments as well as an Education Department representative.

"The education representative has been added because it is felt that teachers who have close contact with children have the potential to make an enormous contribution towards the protection of children," Mr Muntz said.

"Medical practitioners are already required to report suspected child abuse under existing legislation.

"A register of child protection will be set up to record suspected and proved cases of child abuse. Unfounded reports will not be recorded."

Mr Muntz said details would be available only to courts and investigating officers.

"The identity of people reporting suspected child abuse may not be revealed in any court hearing or in any procedure associated with the investigation," he said.

The Queensland Teachers' Union president, Mr Lyle Schuntner, said last night: "We have certainly considered this. We see a responsibility to the children we teach. We feel obliged to report any child abuse.

"Our members must have absolute indemnity against civil action."

Mr Schuntner said there was also concern that an aggrieved child-abuser could guess the informant's identity and assault that person.

The Education Minister, Mr Powell, also supported the proposal.

"I would not like to see teachers report cases of child abuse and then be sued for their trouble," Mr Powell said. "Teachers must be protected.

"In short, I support Mr Muntz's legislation because teachers, probably more than any other group in the community, see children on a regular daily basis and they know if an abuse is occurring.

The Bill also provides a \$5000 penalty or two years' imprisonment, or both, for using a child for pornographic purposes.

# Cane necessary to curb classroom disruption

WHY is it vitally important that the teacher has the right to cane in the classroom?

The teacher is faced in the classroom with increasing obscene language, rudeness, abuse of property and deliberate disruption. The general disrespect for people is becoming more widespread.

This is making it harder for teachers to teach and students to learn.

Effective punishment must be performed there and then. Insolent behavior is enacted to bloat the ego and this distorted pride must be demoralised before the culprit's peers.

Girls can be punished in the same way as boys. This can be done by caning on the back of the legs. However, it should be performed by a female teacher.

There must also be positive measures such as reinforcement of good character, manners and attitudes initiated in the home. After the chastisement, the teacher must endeavor to restore confidence and respect in a private interview or in the class situation.

Why has The Courier-Mail only focussed on girls? The problem of discipline is much broader than that. It strikes at the very heart of our society.

Do those who cry "violence" do likewise when a police officer has to use force to apprehend a law-breaker? The laws of the land and the school must be upheld. Specific rules on classroom caning need to be laid down.

Are we to allow children to do as they like? What standards will these future citizens bring to society?

External discipline is quite often necessary before self-discipline can be achieved.

The standards of education, hence social values, are swaying in the balance. What can be done? — R. Dudgeon, practising teacher, Newhaven St., Pialba.

*Parent/teacher roles are certainly undergoing a change! Parents will need to become teachers in order to be allowed to corporally punish their own child!!*

# Govt looks at protection of Qld schools

THE Queensland Government is considering legislation later this year to protect non-government schools from possible violations of their independence by the Federal Government and future state governments.

The Education Minister, Mr Powell, said he would favor the protective measure being put through Parliament at the same time as proposed legislation which will provide for all Queensland schools, state and non-state, to be inspected by departmental inspectors and inspectors' reports being made public.

But he said he wanted to make it clear the proposed legislation was not designed to protect the schools from federal interference while bringing them under any kind of tighter state control.

"The aim will be to guarantee their independence," Mr Powell said. "We will be very much guided by how much the non-government schools want such legislation, but it will be possible to introduce it in Parliament in the spring session."

He said the idea for the legislation had arisen in light of the Commonwealth Schools Commission discussion papers on school funding, which indicated the Commonwealth was trying to assume influence over education disproportionate with its financial contribution to education funding.

DAILY SUN, 21st June 1984

# \$60,000 BOOST CHILD HOMES

THE State Government will fund 31 schemes providing temporary shelter for the victims of child abuse or other severe family problems.

Welfare Services Minister Mr Muntz said yesterday a total of \$60,750 would be given to family day care schemes providing short-term care for children in crisis.

"These children are often extremely distressed and their behavior makes communication difficult," he said.

Mr Muntz said the grants took account of the extra time which must be spent by co-ordinators in arranging housing and in recruiting, training and supporting the people to care for the children.

If a mother had to be rushed to hospital or the Department of Children's Services decided a child was in danger within a family, there was already provision for emergency care within the community.

"The grant is in keeping with the intention of the Government to work with community groups to provide families with support when they need it," Mr Muntz said.

"The groups are already in the community and have some of the resources to handle an emergency."

Mr Muntz said he would present the Family and Community Development Bill to State Parliament in August.

*Why don't you write letters also?*



# Teachers to ban unruly students

STATE school teachers will turn away students who repeatedly breach minimum behavior standards and school discipline.

The Queensland Teachers' Union decided this at its annual conference in Brisbane yesterday. It will be effective immediately.

Some teachers said outside the meeting troublesome students probably would be left to themselves somewhere within the school, or could stay at home.

The union defined unacceptable behavior as disrupting classes, insolence to teachers, physical violence to teachers and students, swearing at teachers and students, wilful and persistent disobedience, theft, wilful damage to property and harassment of teachers on or off duty.

The policy calls on the Education Department to equip all schools with "withdrawal room facilities" for students who persistently misbehave and staff to supervise the rooms.

The union also wants the Education Department to rule that students who are expelled from state schools should not be allowed to enroll at another state school without the permission of the school from which they were expelled.

It believes such students should receive compulsory counselling and have their positions reviewed after six months.

The union wants principals to be given the power to suspend students for up to 10 days without the need for departmental approval and for principals to be able to expel students or suspend them for more than 10 days provided a written report containing all relevant information is provided to the regional director and the parent.

Mr Schuntner said the policy stressed that the refusal to teach unruly students could not be seen as a solution to discipline problems, and that such a solution rested with the community as a whole.

# Lindy commission needed

RANGERS at Ayers Rock recently expressed views that a dingo took the baby of Lindy Chamberlain.

Aboriginal trackers at the Rock have unreservedly held that belief all along, as have the campers who were there that night.

Moreover, those relatively few bona fide dingo experts who exist strongly affirm beliefs fully supportive of the Chamberlains.

Similarly, as the only psychologist to have examined Mrs Chamberlain, I hold no doubts as to her innocence — recognising the inevitable peril of that position if it were a mistaken one.

My specific findings on the matter have yet to be disputed — which is no slight to the prosecution. If anything, the prosecution has been brilliant throughout, furthering a notion that the only task demanding greater courtroom skills than the successful defence of a guilty person is the successful prosecution of an innocent one.

In this case, conclusions may have been drawn nationwide with little actual grasp of the precise sequence of events delineated by the prosecution — a sequence of events which, if scrutinised closely, is not only implausible but quite literally ridiculous.

Nevertheless, successful prosecution did occur in this absence of plausible scenario — and without body, weapon, witness, motive, confession, criminal record, mental disorder, or history of wrongdoing, as well as without evi-



MRS CHAMBERLAIN

dence. Not with forensic or even circumstantial evidence mind you, but without any evidence.

Testimony alone is not the same as actual evidence. And this conviction rested solely (aside from rumor and superstition) on the testimony of (a) Professor Cameron, dingo expert from the wilds of London, who contributed to two other convictions that were subsequently found to be wrong, and (b) Mrs Kuhl, who had actually disposed of all of the purported blood evidence before the trial.

A royal commission is called for. If recourse to justice fails to this unbelievable extreme in the interest of either blind ritual or political expediency, then government is badly failing. — Dr Frederick Smith, Clinical Psychologist, NT Department of Health, Alice Springs.

## Anti-Christian

If critics of Mrs Roma Joyner and her thousands of supporters had read the article, "Private schools gain popularity", in the Courier Mail of April 12 they would realise how wrong they have been in condemning Mrs Joyner's STOP and CARE organisations as a "minority power group".

Quotes from the article clearly illustrate widespread concern at the introduction of certain material into public schools.

For instance: "Australian Statistics Bureau figures show that 734,784 students were enrolled at non-government schools at July, 1983, a 3.2 per cent increase over the number in 1982. The number of schools operating during the year also increased from 2312 to 2362.

"In the past six years the number of students going to non-government schools has increased 15.1 per cent, and the number of teachers almost 30 per cent."

That surely is positive proof that parents who are funding state education through taxation are thoroughly disgusted with the immoral material from UNESCO which was responsible for MACOS and SEMP.

## Multiculture course slated

I refer to the letter (T.C., 14-3-84) entitled *Bigotry in education* by C. T. Baker.

My dictionary defines "bigotry" as "blind excessive zeal", which, in his context, is clearly meant to describe Mrs Joyner's sincere efforts to "save our children from the insidious anti-Christian, anti-Australian tradition influences inherent in the proposed multicultural course."

Mr Baker would have us believe that those who sent "barrow loads" of letters in support of Mrs Joyner's stand were blindly following a blind leader and had not studied the suspect passages for themselves. This is not so. With all copies of letter forms, numerous extracts from books recommended as teaching aids showed clearly the bias inherent in the course.

Such material promotes anti-Christian, socialistic humanism for Christian-based schools.

At last the United States has seen the light and withdrawn its support for UNESCO.

Why must Australia continue at the taxpayers expense its involvement with that organisation. — A. A. PINWILL, Gayndah.

## CHRONICLE March 22, 1984

I wonder if Mr Baker would have regarded a similar response in favour of the course as only the "bigoted zeal" of one person? The attempt to attribute something underhand in sending out sample letters of a few single paragraphs containing the chief points for concern is puerile. Our gifts vary. Everyone is not blessed with "the gift of the gab".

It has often been my personal experience to have quite well-educated people say they would like to write to express concern, but "don't know how to put it" — or do not like publicity.

Why do we appoint secretaries, press secretaries, politicians?

Isn't it because we believe they can best express in words the wishes of the groups they represent? People are not usually foolish enough to put their signature to something they have not read and approved. When thousands take time to do this, and to pay postage to have their opinions recorded, surely this should be regarded as a massive vote — not to be treated as the unsupported opinion of one person.

After all, wasn't the course designed by a small minority and begun almost directly after the defeat of MACOS and SEMP?

We are told that there are now a large percentage of non-European migrants whose former allegiances must be considered. The true statistics are that our population consists of 87.7 per cent English-speaking, with non-British Europeans 7.5 per cent, which is 95.2 per cent of Western culture. Total alien culture is 4.8 per cent. This was the result of the 1981 census.

Christians are told to tell all nations the Good News of Christ's love and sacrifice for all mankind, "that they all may be one" in Him. This course seeks to confuse and divide by treating Christianity — and naturally our Christian-based forms of laws — as of no particular value. Christ is represented as just another prophet; a symbol of Christianity, which is just "another" religion.

As respect for Christian ethics is undermined by "blind excessive zeal" to replace them with a "make your own rules" philosophy, so we see increasing crime, alcohol and drug dependence at early age, families falling apart as responsibility and loyalty fail, children left to the care of State-run creches, increasing social disease, despair.

"Rise up, oh men of God."

Prevent the implementation of the multicultural course.

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# How can we stop the decline?

We write letters of complaint and pleas to our local member and even to Cabinet ministers. But why would they want to do anything about our problems? It is to their personal benefit that government and public service interference continues. It ensures them of a future, even if their only contribution is to indulge in the nationally insulting farce which constitutes the Parliament of Australia.

They can't influence the Public Service, because that service has become highly skilled over the years in servicing its own self-perpetuating needs. The Public Service exists for no other reason than to assure its own existence.

## Positive

I can understand the feelings of Joan Provost, i.e. "forget it, I can't hack it any longer; I've gone fishing" BUT THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH!

We who risk our money, our health, our family happiness, have a right to be heard. We not only have a right to be heard, we have a right to be heard before the non-contributors - the ones who never contributed a positive, useful item or thought to society; before the career public servant, before the striking, go-slow unionist, before the welfare State pension earner (excluding the aged pensioner, who has probably earned both the right to his her pension and to be heard).

If we all "go fishing," the only society left to us will be one controlled by adjustments between big business and big government. If the individuals do not fight back, the gaps between federal government, State government and local government will fill completely. The "public" servants will rule supreme, their activities tempered only slightly by the lar-

ger and more corrupt unions' ability to either "buy off" or "persuade" parties to their point of view.

How do we progress from writing letters of complaint to the newspapers to actually doing something to preserve a standard of society which gives individuals a right to conduct their own business, without unnecessary interference, and a right to believe that good ideas, supported by hard work and a positive attitude, has a chance to produce a just reward?

JOHN SANDERSON  
Olinda, Vic

## Public service

THE Australian has carried out a great public service by publishing letters (21/6) which deal specifically with "the decadence, decline and moral rot" of the Australian lifestyle. - E. CHARLES BELLCHAMBERS, Monterey, NSW.

*These extracts from some letters to the Editor columns may encourage others of you to read them and contribute.*

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# Decadence, decline, moral rot

## This is madness

PEOPLE used to be thrifty. Thrift was a mark of ordinary Australians. Notably, it was not typically a rich man's scene. There were thrifty rich, but it was more the hallmark of good housekeeping sought by many.

Now people spend. This is good for the economy. It keeps money circulating. The more Okay?

Not okay. This is consumerism. And consumerism is a peculiarly insidious kind of madness. The reasons are bad and the results are worse. "When will they ever learn?"

Who are "they"? A succession of governments of different political persuasions, some well motivated, some badly (survivalists), all hell-bent on manipulating people. Governments call it management. And people seem to expect more and more manipulation (management).

And so to the madness. It doesn't do to look after yourself. It isn't worth being thrifty. Too many people find it isn't even worth being industrious.

Taxation is so all-pervading and welfare so attractive that patterns of ambition are inverted.

This is madness. And it is happening now.

HUGH CARPENTER  
New Town, Tas

## Disintegrating

LONDON R. Burch's letter. What we are seeing in this country is a fragment of the rotting fabric of a disintegrating Western civilisation which is mantling the whole world - and the Soviet empire is not excluded.

Mr Burch calls for a non-political, non-religious, common-sense, rationalist rebellion against decadence in Australia before it is too late.

Our immediate responses are these: firstly, the rebellion against this tide of decadence will have to be fought on a world-wide front - Australia alone cannot be saved from global contagion.

Secondly, a non-religious rebellion would be pointless, because the root cause of the whole mess stems from our having lost all sense of religion.

Meantime, locally, every Australian incensed by the whole disgusting business can support the work of, or join, such organisations as the Festival of Light, the Australian Family Association and, above all, by a recommitment to their religion.

TERE FEARON  
BILL FEARON  
Campbell, A.C.T.

## Why we are doomed

JOHN Sanderson asks (Letters, 14/6) how we can stop the decline in our nation caused by our self-seeking rulers. There is no answer, for we cannot stop it. Only once has an overweening bureaucracy been halted in its destructive tracks, in ancient Nineveh, where they had the sense to massacre the lot, not a very practical solution in present-day Australia.

There are now more tax beneficiaries (5,344,000) than taxpayers (4,568,000) in this country and it has always been clear that democracy cannot survive the realisation by the majority that they can vote themselves the property of the minority.

D. G. SHERRARD  
Dampier, WA

## Blame apathy

RE John Sanderson's plea. Start with the positive mental attitude that the Government, in its present form, is the enemy of the people, then set about the serious business of changing it by the democratic process. Form a new political party totally and inflexibly dedicated to the eradication of all but the essential functions of government.

Such a new party is imperative, for the Liberal Party has abandoned its commitment to all but the rhetoric of freedom. The vast majority of the present crop of Liberal MPs willingly aided and abetted Malcolm Fraser and John Howard to preside over the demise of the rule of law by the use of retrospective legislation and the arming of the tax

gatherers with draconian powers, which are now being used with oppressive severity to harass the honest citizen.

The A.L.P. is showing itself to be even more repressive. Its pretence of concern for the working man is transparent fraud. It will embrace any lie, misrepresentation or misinformation that might assist it crush all enterprise, self-reliance and achievement under the weight of a sterile and joyless socialist society.

I am afraid the great apathetic mob will not get to their feet until they have been brought to their knees.

CHARLES J. CONNELLY  
Broadbeach Waters, Qld

## The answer

AUSTRALIANS in despair at the way the country is going should forget politics and ask the Lord to make them born-again Christians.

L. GRAY,  
Bendigo, Vic.

**MANY readers have written about the decline in Australia's lifestyle.**



Department of Family and Community Development. They also appear, according to clause 14(3), to be able to exercise all the powers, privileges, rights and remedies of the Crown.

It seems that the Act nowhere spells out any SPECIFIC qualifications and functions for the volunteer or agent. ANYONE may be appointed, and on such terms and conditions, "as the Director thinks fit", and be trained and reimbursed "as the Director thinks fit".

The Bill seems far too vague in lots of vital areas for it to be considered 'safe' legislation to pass, if the parents are to be given their rightful autonomy under God. Below is more evidence that the Bill is basically to ensure that -

#### THE STATE CONTROLS ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS.

LICENCES AND PERMITS REQUIRED: As it stands, the Bill enables the State to finance services and introduce a system of LICENSING, APPROVALS, and PERMITS, involving persons, children, services and premises, that could allow Local Authorities and community organizations to interfere in any or all aspects of your family life, whether you are a child, teenager or adult [Clauses 17(4), 62 - 70, and 125-130]

NON-APPROVED SCHOOLS TO BE LICENSED: Clauses 62-63 contain possibly the greatest risk to liberty, since they amount to another great entanglement in the mesh of OVER-GOVERNMENT. It seems evident that what we succeeded in keeping out of the Education Act Amendment Bill has now been included in this Bill, only it is now called "LICENSING OF PERSONS" and "APPROVAL OF PREMISES" instead of "REGISTERING OF SCHOOLS and TEACHERS". Either way, parents and children lose their liberty to provide for private schooling, or otherwise organize their own lives.

LICENCES TO MIND A CHILD: It seems you will also break the law if you mind your friend's child while she goes to hospital or away on a business trip, or a holiday - unless you have first been licensed to do so!

PERMITS TO WORK: The Bill has the potential to control your child's out-of-school entertainment appearances - perhaps even his working to help on the farm or in the shop, or paper-selling, etc.

RECONCILIATION IS A PRIORITY: In the Ministerial speech we read that -

1. "Emphasis is on the reconciliation of the child and his family", and
2. "Where it is not possible to reconcile a child with his family, he may be placed with a long-term substitute family with legal rights in relation to the child."

In many important areas, the bill empowers the Director to interfere in family situations "as he thinks fit", and empowers Departmental officers to act "according to their opinion". All with the best of intentions, but that which "seemeth right to a man" is often wrong in God's sight!

I question the extent to which the Department of Children's Services has gone in the preparation of this proposed legislation - whereby no parent can now feel reasonably secure in his/her job of parenting. Child abuse cases in the Royal Brisbane Hospital doubled in 2 years to 31/5/83, averaging almost one case every second day. In an effort to prevent increases in child abuse, those drafting this Bill have over-reacted and used a sledge-hammer when a nut-cracker would have been more appropriate.

WE NEED TO KEEP ALL THIS IN MIND AS WE THINK UPON THE CONTENTS OF THIS BILL.