

Perverse "Diversity"

"UN50 is placing emphasis on school and university programmes and materials for children and youth," the UN Secretariat declares in its press kit for the year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the UN's founding. "Through seminars and symposia, studies and articles in academic journals, universities around the world plan to focus on the United Nations not only in its historical context but also in terms of suggesting ideas for its future."

The materials being prepared and disseminated for this year-long event include "publications, audio and visual materials, computer software, maps, flags, and games." Specific projects include:

- "Global teach-in. UN50, working with UNAs [United Nations Associations], UNESCO, educational associations, and others, is developing curricular materials in various languages for distribution to schools in early 1995 to assist in this effort for a global teach-in. In addition, special training programmes for teachers are being arranged by UN Associations and National Committees for the Fiftieth Anniversary in cooperation with professional educators' associations, academic institutions and other local organizations to better equip teachers to conduct classes on the United Nations."

- "'People.' An animated television special adapted from the critically acclaimed children's book by Peter Spier.... With animation produced in Moscow and original songs featuring celebrity vocalists, the show will be viewed worldwide in syndication."

- "'Children's History of the United Nations,' written, illustrated, designed, and edited by an extensive network of young people from around the globe with the input of children from up to 100 countries...."

- "'Fifty Wishes for a Better World.' Book by Jim Henson Productions, Inc. (creators of The Muppets). A collection of fifty wishes, written and illustrated, of children ages 8-11 from around the world who will voice their concerns about the world and their future. It will underscore the United Nations' commitment to these concerns and will be

translated into many languages."

The preschool generation has not been overlooked either, as the UN promo explains: "Children's Television Workshop is creating special episodes of Sesame Street, UN 50th Birthday, to air the week of 24 October 1995 to reach the preschool audience. Sesame Street will also offer a print campaign, international distribution of the programme (86 countries and 15 languages) as well as possible events at the United Nations with Sesame Street characters such as the Big Bird."

According to the UN, still more globalist offerings to win the hearts and minds of our youth will be presented through the Boy Scouts and other youth groups. What's more, reports the UN Secretariat, "UN50 is undertaking a worldwide campaign to convey UN activities, success stories, and aspirations through public service announcements, advertisements, posters, and billboards."

"To carry out its mandate, the UN must have basic resources," says the world body's propaganda ministry. "It requires not only the political and financial backing of Member States, but also needs the support and understanding of its larger constituencies — the general public, non-governmental organizations, and the business community. The Fiftieth Anniversary commemoration seeks to deepen this understanding and commitment and inspire a new generation of UN supporters."

Ah, yes: One Mind, One People, One Planet, One World — One global Orwellian chorus of praise to Big Brother.

"Homophilia" in Iowa?

To the cult of "multiculturalism," audacity, secrecy, and deceit go hand in hand, as was demonstrated recently in Des Moines, Iowa. The shocking recommendations prepared by the Des Moines Public Schools' Sexual Orientation Advisory Committee were not supposed to leak out, but they did, last December just before Christmas. And when parents learned of the committee's incredible proposals for the district's "Multicultural Nonsexist Education Plan," they were understandably appalled and outraged.

Entitled, "Proposal for Infusion of

Sexual Orientation Issues in the Multicultural Nonsexist Education Plan," the three-page document calls for infusing information "about the history and contributions of gay/lesbian/bisexual persons ... into courses in all appropriate subject areas and all grade levels."

Among the recommendations for "the elementary, middle, and high school curriculum" are:

- A "presentation of diverse and honest biographical information about the contributions of famous gay, lesbian, and bisexual people."

- A "discussion of the nature of families, including same-gender families and parenting."

- "[I]nformation on the post-World War II persecution of 'homosexual' persons and the political use of homophobia."

- A "discussion of the organized homophile movement and similarities and differences with other social change movements."

Some of the goals listed in the document include:

- "To emphasize gay/lesbian/bisexual issues in the mandatory cross-cultural awareness training."

- "To create student awareness of homophobic thinking...."

- "To substantially increase accurate gay/lesbian/bisexual materials in school libraries and multi-media centers."

- "To ... advertise the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (GLRC) in school newspapers."

But for the efforts of a local radio talk show, this planned depravity for the classroom may have become a *fait accompli* before Des Moines parents ever heard word one about it. On December 22nd, however, popular talk show host Jan Mickelson devoted his program on Des Moines' WHO to the still secret proposal. Mickelson, who had received a copy of the document from a teacher, denounced the school-planned perversion as "the height of state-sponsored political correctness."

The public outcry was immediate, strong, and clear. Reportedly, over 3,000 outraged parents swarmed the next school board meeting. In late January, the school board rescinded the program. ■

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