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CRIPLE's Last Newsletter

The series of 15 posts at <https://upsetting.ca> has covered, in abbreviated form, the important parts in my investigation of the discriminatory public funding of Roman Catholic separate schools in Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. My conclusion is stated in Post #15, the last one at the "upsetting" website.

This conclusion does not blame any Ontario political party, or politician, for not abolishing the funding, it blames the Roman Catholic organization Opus Dei. Period.

In that post #15 I mentioned that I heard, some time ago, from an education colleague, whom I will now identify as a former president of OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation), Jim Ross. Decades ago I heard from him that he knew of two persons in the Ontario Ministry of Education who were members of Opus Dei. On contacting Jim recently, to ask him if he agrees with my conclusion in Post #15 that Opus Dei is responsible for the continuation of the public funding of RC separate schools in Ontario, and NOT just Ontario politicians, he replied, writing:

"Certainly do agree with your conclusion! Trying to recall the names, one was the A D M with the first name of Brian and the other was a lawyer with a first name of Peter! Malcolm will remember! Thank you for all of your good work on this file you have a remarkable history!" Malcolm is Malcolm Buchanan, also a former president of OSSTF.

For skeptics, it is **foolish in the extreme**, to believe that an Ontario politician, or political party, has the influence, or power, to totally and securely block the United Nations Human Rights Council, in Geneva, Switzerland, from censuring Canada for the discriminatory public funding of the Roman Catholic separate school systems in Ontario.

Reflection: Going back to the infamous Bill 30 and the non-answers from Premier Bill Davis, was his "decision" the first instance of meddling by Opus Dei? Hmmm....

In a span of over 20 years, first through “Friends of Public Education in Ontario, Inc.” and then through “Civil Rights In Public Education, Inc.” (CRIPE), a total of FOUR submissions to the Human Rights Council in Geneva have been blocked, silenced, dismissed such that no further communication with the Human Rights Council was possible.

While speculation as to the reason for the blockage at Geneva was just that, a speculation, proof was later supplied through a newspaper column by reporter and author Terry Glavin that a higher power is involved. An excerpt from Glavin’s column in the Ottawa Citizen of November 5th, 2020 reads: **“The world’s most gruesome despots carry on their depredations with impunity. The police-state economies have been integrated into the markets of the western democracies, and they have been allowed to insinuate themselves into veto positions in several leading United Nations agencies, including the UN Human Rights Council”**. Underlining by Renton. Special UN Rapporteur Ahmed Shaheed also infers meddling by an outside interest.

Conclusion: Opus Dei is to blame.

Don’t believe it? Read on.

From the article in the Ottawa Citizen, entitled:

“Canada must boost its security apparatus.” May 26, 2022:

*“... how badly does Canada need a foreign agent registry act, or something like the Australian Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act, as a national security measure? In today’s environment, such protection is crucial for Canada, and CSIS should know which persons influential in Canada’s policy process have received benefits from a foreign state that put them in a conflict of interest and threaten Canadian security and sovereignty. In 2020, then-CSIS Director Richard Fadden made headlines by revealing that cabinet ministers in two provinces, and several municipal politicians, were influenced by a foreign government when making policy decisions. But evidently nothing was done about it at the time or since. **Twelve years on, how many more policy-makers are under the influence of a foreign power today? If CSIS is doing its job, it has this data.**”*

Bolding and underlining, above, added by Renton. And if CSIS doesn’t have the data, it can’t do its job. The “job” has to be a serious one for CSIS to act. CSIS will consider a “job” seriously if it has multiple complaints of the same issue. So make sure CSIS has the data, recipients of these messages have been encouraged to write CSIS about possible foreign interference with regard to silence from the UN’s Human Rights Council concerning unanswered complaints against the public funding of Roman Catholic separate school, systems.

If you haven't contacted CSIS yet – DO IT NOW!

Read the "[Foreign Interference and You](#)" publication to learn about the definition of foreign interference, the targets of hostile state actors, as well as what individuals and organizations can do to mitigate the threat.

"CSIS takes all allegations of foreign interference seriously. These activities constitute a threat to our national security and sovereignty, and the safety of Canadians. Please report information about foreign interference threat activity to CSIS by telephone (1-800-267-7685) or through CSIS's [Reporting National Security Information web form](#)."

You will not receive an acknowledgement that your input was received. CSIS doesn't do that, but, regardless, send a message to them because CSIS is kind of a secretive organization, and don't hold your breath, these things take time. **BUT GET ON THE RECORD!** They can give one message (from me) a low priority, but dozens will surely get them moving on it. CSIS has to be convinced that this is a serious issue affecting millions of people.

Read about CSIS at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/security-intelligence-service/corporate/publications/foreign-interference-and-you/foreign-interference-and-you.html>

OUR ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE

We have no control over pleas to the Human Rights Council, or CSIS. But we do have control over a legal procedure.

Right from the beginning, CRIPE worked with a talented individual, Reva Landau, to start OPEN = One Public Education Now. As an informed and astute person, Reva has moved OPEN along such that we have a legal case ready to be heard. As long as Opus Dei has no control over our justice systems, the court case is our only hope of affecting Roman Catholic privilege.

So it's up to us, CRIPE, and the individuals who make up OPEN, who want one non-denominational two-language public school system. That is why OPEN supports the two plaintiffs, a high school teacher who can't get a job in one-third of the publicly-funded teaching positions, and a parent of a child in the public school system, both members of OPEN, in a lawsuit against the Ontario government. For a simple explanation of the legal case, go to: <https://open.cripeweb.org/open/Short%20Summary%20of%20Charter%20Application.pdf>

An expert witness, Dr. Patricia Kmiec, was retained, and a law firm, Adair Goldblatt Bieber, served an application on the Ontario government. The Application Record is over 3,000 pages long with four affidavits and numerous exhibits. So much has changed since the 1987 *Reference re Bill 30* Supreme Court of Canada decision, including the Constitution of Canada, that this issue should be re-examined. The argument is that both the public funding of non-Catholics in separate schools and the funding of Grades 11 and 12 did not exist prior to Confederation on July 1, 1867 and are therefore not protected by s.93(1) of the Constitution Act, 1867 (aka British North America Act, 1867). The issue of funding of non-Catholics in Ontario separate schools has never been raised or ruled on by Ontario courts or the Supreme Court of Canada.

Governments, and political parties, can ignore petitions, letters, and articles by academics. **But they cannot ignore lawsuits.** Of course, the Ontario government is fighting this lawsuit, and have asked for a Motion to Strike on the grounds there is no reasonable chance of success. We don't think they will succeed in their Motion to Strike, but it does mean additional delay and additional costs. OPEN has raised over \$100,000 which we have used to pay for legal fees and our expert witness. **But we need another \$150,000 to \$200,000 to pay for current and future legal costs.**

Even \$20 helps OPEN continue the legal challenge, though larger donations are greatly appreciated.

This legal challenge allows everyone to make a meaningful contribution to stop the discriminatory and wasteful public funding of separate schools.

You can contribute through secure PayPal at the following website

<https://open.cripeweb.org/aboutOpen.html>

or through E-transfer (Interac) using open@cripeweb.org.

Any donations made though CRIPE will also be passed on to OPEN.

Thanks to all of you folks who have supported this school-funding investigation, it's been a long ride but along the way, it has revealed all the whys and wherefores of the failed route to justice. In the end, we at least know the reason why.

Sincerely, Renton Patterson

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