

## HERTZOG DENIES CHARGES



SEPARATISTE LEADER DR. MARCEL CHAPUT  
... draws a point

### Chaput Would Die For French 'Canada'

By Helene Chomiak

"Canada is no longer my country and I will do my damn best so Canada splits," Dr. Marcel Chaput told the Law School Forum Friday.

"Independence of Quebec will come," he said, "because French-Canadians want it and it is only up to them to decide."

Dr. Chaput spoke to an audience of more than 500 persons. The group was tense and highly volatile: quickly laughing, applauding or hissing.

The French discovered Canada and were the first settlers. "However," said Dr. Chaput, "today's Canada having evolved against me and my own people, we French Canadians have taken the decision to build a country of our own."

He said Quebec separatism is an ideal that aims at giving French-Canadians a country, what 1760 has stolen from them and what Confederation has been, and is, still unable to do.

"Separatism will not be as tragic as some believe," he said, "for presently we are an obstacle to your projects and you prevent our development."

"There can be no dialogue," he continued, "and therefore no satisfactory outcome. So, let us part."

"Understanding is impossible,"

said Dr. Chaput, "because we have different terms of reference and do not speak the same language, in more ways than one."

This mental duality is shown when the French-Canadians speak of their nation and are opposed by persons saying there is only one nation in Canada, the Canadian nation.

Or when French-Canadians, who think they are partners of a two-member association, are regarded by English-Canadians as just another minority group.

They are regarded as a minority because there are only 6 million French-Canadians out of a population in Canada of 19 million. Therefore, they control little more than a quarter of the seats in Parliament.

"Democracy is not possible," said Dr. Chaput, "for no matter what French-Canada wants, the other nation decides."

"As a consequence," he said, "What is for you legitimate political behaviour is for us sheer hypocrisy."

"You are strong enough," he continued, "to protect the English-speaking minority in Quebec and at the same time to assassinate my French-speaking compatriots in your nine other provinces."

Some French-Canadians outside of Quebec oppose separatism. "They do this," he says, "because they are not sure what will happen to them. What rights they have now, they had

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### Case Will Establish Precedent Indicates Suspended Teacher

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Raymond Hertzog, suspended Strathcona County high school teacher, says the Wednesday hearing into charges involving his alleged atheistic beliefs could set a "dangerous precedent."

The 26-year-old U of A educational psychology graduate student was suspended from Ardrossan High School Nov. 12 for his alleged atheistic beliefs and use of the controversial magazine *Edge* in his classroom.

Mr. Hertzog says the case will "undoubtedly" set "some sort" of precedent.

"It does, I think, threaten the position of all teachers," he told *The Gateway*.

"If my suspension is upheld, we might have a lot of boards acting hastily with a lot of Alberta teachers."

Mr. Hertzog is charged with violating Section 350A of the Alberta School Act, which gives school boards the right to suspend a teacher for "gross misconduct, neglect of duty or for refusal or neglect to obey any lawful order of the board."

Three provincial cabinet ministers have already passed a judgmental decision on the case, according to newspaper reports, he said.

Mr. Hertzog said he was referring to statements printed recently in the *Edmonton Journal* and attributed to Hon. A. J. Hooke, minister of municipal affairs; Hon. R. H. McKinnon, minister of education and Hon. Ethel Wilson, minister without portfolio.

Mr. Hooke was quoted as calling Mr. Hertzog a "wolf in sheep's clothing"; Mr. McKinnon as calling him "indiscrete" and Mrs. Wilson as connecting him with decadence in the Alberta school system.

#### NOTES THREE OBJECTIONS

The suspended school teacher said he has three objections to the way in which his case has been handled:

- The original complaints from parents were directed toward the county council, not to the principal or to him;
- No attempt was made to obtain his point of view before the suspension was made;
- And he was not informed of the charges until "long after" they were formulated.

"Personally, as a professional, I protest and resent this very, very highly," he said.

"I don't think they have absolutely any right to handle a professional in that manner."

Mr. Hertzog says other teachers' classroom methods may be affected if suspensions are made under these circumstances.

"If you've got to be careful about every word you say, how can you teach creatively," he commented.

Mr. Hertzog says there is no connection between Section 350A and the *Edge* and atheism charges being used to substantiate it.

#### "HYPHEN" IMPORTANT

And he denies being an atheist, saying he told his class he is an "a-hyphen-theist."

"I went on to explain to them that this is a belief in which one does not accept the concept of a personal god," he said.

The class was told, he said, this belief would include practically everybody except "the more fundamental kinds of Christians."

"This is not to be taken for the fact that I do not believe in the existence of a god—I just think he has more important things to worry about than me," he said.

Mr. Hertzog is affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

As for bringing *Edge* into a Grade XI sociology class, and lending the magazine to a female student, Mr. Hertzog said he used it to support a statement made in the class.

"Any teaching method to get students to think is legitimate if it is in good taste," said Mr. Hertzog.

#### PRIVATE HEARING

The Wednesday hearing will be conducted in camera before H. E. Panabaker, former assistant superintendent of the Calgary public school board.

Mr. Panabaker was appointed by Hon. R. H. McKinnon, minister of education, to conduct the private hearing with the approval of the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Alberta School Trustees Association.

Mr. McKinnon is required by the School Act to reverse or confirm the suspension within ten days after the investigation concludes.

Mr. Panabaker said the hearing would be private "because of the nature of the charges."

Mr. Hertzog offered another explanation, saying "there has been enough smear as it is."

The UBC graduate, who moved to Edmonton two years ago, will represent himself at the hearing.

"I am my own advocate," he said.

The Alberta Teachers' Association has indicated it is opposed to the suspension on grounds of procedure. A spokesman said Mr. Hertzog should have been consulted prior to suspension.

#### A MORAL DETRIMENT

The official charge reads in part: "His presence in school as a teacher and guidance counsellor is detrimental to the moral well-being of the pupils."

Mr. Hertzog said his students are probably in sympathy with him.

"The students liked me—I think they are considering this a little bit ridiculous."

"I got along with them rather well . . . there never seemed to be any resentment, antagonism or hostility. But you never know what's in their heads," he said.

### SUB Plan Includes Tower

A "needle-tower" is featured in building plans for the new Students' Union Building.

The eight-storey tower, to rise from a central courtyard, is part of a new design which was unanimously approved in principal by the Students' Union Planning Commission Wednesday night.

The architect firm of Richards, Beretti and Jelnik have been working on the design since Students' Council approved a detailed-facilities proposal a month ago.

The courtyard idea comes from an old Roman design form, according to architects.

They say it is designed to focus attention on the heart of the building which will contain student government facilities.

As in the last design, much of the building will be open to serve as a waiting and "through-traffic" area.

The building proposal goes to the University's Board of Governors for final approval Friday.

Students' Council saw the new plans last night.

### Hertzog Speaks

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