

of family life in the home. A child who receives parental love and guidance can shed the influence of the comic book, but the frustrated child, suffering from parental deprivation and the lack of guidance, has problems when it comes face-to-face with society, with only the advice of its peer group which is no better prepared than is the child to meet the challenge of the world.

78. Worst of all is the abused or neglected child who bonded poorly with its parents and was born handicapped by harmful prenatal or perinatal experiences and who goes to school with implanted learning disabilities. If it is not encouraged by teachers, the classroom can be the worst form of misery. If anything succeeds like success, nothing fails like failure — truancy is the answer. It may become a resentful loner or seek out one or more of its peers who share its problems and they may become delinquents.

79. These children were in trouble with the school before they were in trouble with the police. They were in trouble in their homes before they were in trouble with the school. And before they were in trouble in the home, they were in trouble with themselves because of their inability to cope with their problems.