

isolation and has had most of his clothes taken away from him. He is dressed in a sloppy pair of coveralls. He does not use his own shoes but instead is given a pair of shoes too large for him so that they slop about. There are no shoe laces in the shoe. He has no belt to hold up his pants. In the brainwashing technique, this is an assault on his dignity. By the very fact of his being stripped of his own clothing, it is an assault upon his own identity. He now feels forsaken and forgotten due to the lack of familiar surroundings, and the refusal by his custodians to allow him any contact with his loved ones or friends.

The author, I believe for a third time, repeats:

He feels completely forsaken and forgotten and is at the lowest depths of despair. It is at this state the interrogator offers him a glimpse of heaven or a reward in the way of a cigarette, coffee, more comfortable quarters and an offer to speak to his loved ones or friends, or at least another prisoner. The isolation is taken away. As one can readily see, in this technique, the subject has something to gain on the one hand, and everything to lose on the other.

There are many quotations here which make this such an outstanding and disturbing document. If it were possible, and I know this is not possible for a private member to do, I would table the document so that it would be available to all hon. members to read so that they would become aware of its contents. Then I think members would begin to obtain some glimpse of the attitudes, concepts and methods that are being taught, as the RCMP said this afternoon, to senior investigators who have between five and 15 years of services.

We are not dealing with something to which students are exposed simply on a first-time basis but rather with a training document in the RCMP to be used by people who are providing leadership in investigations and a whole host of interrogation procedures across the country. We are not dealing with an isolated instance or something that is on the periphery, as I hoped the minister would have been able to tell us this afternoon. I hope members realize that this document definitely is harmful to the respect normally held for the RCMP in this country.

It would seem to me that if hon. members on any side of this House were to willingly allow this House to adjourn and allow the substance of this document to stand without refutation by the Solicitor General, this would be doing very great harm to the country and the importance of the RCMP in this country. I believe, because I have many friends presently serving as RCMP officers, that members of the RCMP also would not want the House to adjourn without some kind of clarifying statement being made on this subject. Certainly the statement by the RCMP this afternoon is no clarification in this regard.

I think perhaps the most reprehensible part of the document is the attitude it displays toward women. It is perhaps a cruel irony that in 1975, when there are so many gestures, symbolic or otherwise, toward the equality of women in this country, the RCMP should use a document which does much to degrade the status of women in this country. I should like to read one more example. I cannot interpret the Roman numerals, but it appears on page 33 and is headed "Interrogation of Families". It states:

Find out whether the woman has children. After this has been discovered, praise the child. Tell her how good looking the child is. Tell her it looks like her. Speak of her love for the child. Reiterate that the prime function in life is to reproduce; that is what God placed her on earth for. It makes no difference whether or not the women we are speaking to are prostitutes or ordinary thieves employed by a bank. Women are emotional and an emotional approach is the best approach to use on women. We use the emotion of love, jealousy and fear. Love

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for her child, love for her parents. Jealously of the husband or boyfriend. How he will be enjoying himself if she goes to jail. Fear of jail. The cotton dresses that they wear in jail made out of jute cloth, and sloppy shoes. She is no longer an individual, but is classed as a unit. We then slip into the 'Heaven and Hell' technique.

The irony of ironies is that not only is this document sick and shabby, it is also ultimately contradictory because in the final four lines of this document the author writes as follows:

We, as police officers, must constantly remind ourselves that we are servants of the public and not its minister, and we must never overstep the boundaries pertaining to the human dignity of man.

How anyone in his right mind could accept that document would have to be explained to me over a very long period of time. As I said a few moments ago, it would be impossible for me to consider accepting the adjournment motion of the government House leader unless we have some explanation. I sat here dutifully today because I had been informed that the minister would make a statement and that there would be some remarks from him clarifying, removing and, if necessary, applying discipline to those who could have given such misdirection to the training of senior officers in the RCMP. Instead we are faced with the absence of the Solicitor General without explanation, in addition to which late this afternoon, and I think in defiance not only of the rights of parliament which are important but of the rights of the people to have a clear exoneration of the RCMP in this regard, there is no action on the part of the government to deal with this matter in the House. All we have is this press release by the RCMP.

If hon. members have any idea that this clarifies the situation in respect of the RCMP and its training procedures and interrogation techniques, let me quote a part of this press release so that members will know that the RCMP has in no way solved this problem but has exacerbated it.

The following is a United Press press release under the byline of Claude Henault:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Wednesday only senior officers are taught from a manual of interrogation techniques which has been criticized as a sexist document on the use of brainwashing, lies and deceit.

A 39-page manual used in an Ottawa RCMP course for five to fifteen-year veterans from across the country states that interrogations should start off 'Legal and right' but suggests that if normal methods fail it is time to resort to a 'Bag of Tricks'.

A spokesman for the RCMP—

Unfortunately the spokesman is not identified.

—said in an official statement—

This is about the only official statement we have had on this matter and is apparently some kind of attempt to explain away what to us must be definitely unexplainable, at least to my mind. It states that a spokesman for the RCMP said in an official statement:

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As one aid to an investigation there is a duty upon our members to seek relevant information by interview and our investigators do not necessarily terminate a conversation because a suspect or witness denies a crime or knowledge of a crime.

I do not know what document this anonymous spokesman in the RCMP is replying to, but he is obviously not replying to or describing the document which I read from