

(GENERAL)

COMPTROLLER  
FILE NUMBER

259259

PROTEST

OF  
CALVARY BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE  
BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONS DIRECTED  
AGAINST SEATTLE-KING COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
DISTRIBUTING TO CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOLS A  
PAMPHLET ALLEGEDLY PROMOTING THE USE OF DRUGS  
FOR ITS READERS.

10-2-67 - Mayor  
10-18-67 - Notify - file

OCT 2 1967

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BY W. A. Perry DEPUTY

**ACTION OF THE COUNCIL**

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# REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your ..... PUBLIC SAFETY ..... Committee

to which was referred the within ..... protest .....

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that.....

THE SAME BE PLACED ON FILE

*Ed Beal*

Acting  
CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN

October 18, 1967

Rev. Thomas W. Miller, Pastor  
Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church  
9123 - 15th Avenue N. E.  
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Rev. Miller:

Your petition, File No. 259252, re the protest of the Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church and the Bible Presbyterian Home Missions directed against the Seattle-King County Youth Commission distributing to city and county schools a pamphlet allegedly promoting the use of drugs for its readers, was before the Public Safety Committee at its meeting today.

After considering the report of the Honorable J. D. Braman, Mayor, the Committee concurred in same.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the report of the Mayor. Will you please give the extra copy to Rev. David C. Brown, Bible Presbyterian Home Missions.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Heib, Jr.  
Legislative Assistant

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Encl.



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR - CITY OF SEATTLE

J. D. Braman, Mayor

October 11, 1967

The Honorable Edward F. Riley  
Chairman, Public Safety Committee  
Seattle City Council

Dear Councilman Riley:

Returned herewith is File No. 259252, being the protest of the Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church and other organizations against the proposed pamphlet concerning use of drugs, being prepared by the Seattle-King County Youth Commission.

The content of this publication was already under question by this office, and several discussions have been had with the Director of the Youth Commission. At the present time, the pamphlet is being rewritten. The general idea of the pamphlet is a good one, the only objection being the division into, first, a statement of the claims of the proponents of the use of drugs, which could be construed as being support in the document itself; and the second section being a refutation of these claims.

As I understand it, the rewritten document will now give some of the claims stated in less glowing terms, with the refutation immediately following. We expect to review the publication again before it is finally cleared for printing.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Braman  
Mayor

JDB:al  
Enc.



October 2, 1967

Honorable J. D. Braman, Mayor  
City of Seattle

Dear Mayor Braman:

Attached is File No. 259252, protest of the Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church and the Bible Presbyterian Home Missions directed against the Seattle-King County Youth Commission distributing to city and county schools a pamphlet allegedly promoting the use of drugs for its readers.

Will you please return the file, together with your report and recommendation in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Edward F. Riley  
Chairman

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Att.

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SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
**CALVARY BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

THOMAS W. MILLER, Pastor 9123 - 15th AVE., N. E., SEATTLE, WASH. 98115 • LA 3-4286

September 29, 1967

An Open letter to: Mayor of Seattle  
Seattle City Council  
King County Commissioners  
King County Superintendent of Schools  
Seattle School Board

Dear Sirs:

The Seattle-King County Youth Commission is planning to distribute a pamphlet on the drug problem titled "The Stoned Age", by Rill Schear, to 140,000 young people throughout city and county schools.

We find the text of the proposed pamphlet extremely objectionable for many reasons and urge you to prevent its publication and distribution through the agencies of the Seattle-King County Youth Commission and our public schools.

The first two-thirds of the pamphlet presents the use of drugs (such as marijuana, LSD, methadrine, opium, and heroin) in an attractive manner, giving the arguments of the users in such a way as to result in an enticement to experimentation by the young readers. For example, the writer says that "marijuana smoking is frankly described as being a rather nice form of recreation. The drug, its users assert, offers the best way to cool it for a while from the rat race, a way of putting things into perspective". Further, in describing the ecstatic experiences of those using LSD, the enticement includes engaging in illicit sexual behavior with movie stars.

The proposed pamphlet accepts as valid premises upon which the hippies justify their use of dope. For example, those who take drugs to lose weight or to relieve pain are designated "drug-heads", together with users of LSD and marijuana.

We object also to the constant use of imprudent language and analogies. Particularly objectionable are references to "a bottle of Jack Daniel's", "a rousing drunk", "the dry martini", a prayer to opium, and the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung as being "among the original potheads" who with his subjects "turned on with grass".

Also contained within the proposed pamphlet are many grievous errors of medical and historical fact. For example, the proposed pamphlet states as fact that "heroin can have great medical value"; marijuana produces "a big appetite for food"; "doctors are hedging their bets" on the harmful effects of marijuana; and that, "By the 19th Century, in fact, opium and its offshoots had become almost as common in the United States as aspirin is today, and just as socially acceptable".

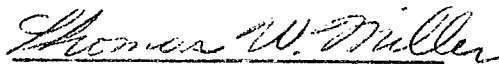
*"For the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."* Rev. 1:9

The Word of God declares:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit,  
after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and  
not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

If this pamphlet is distributed, its philosophy and vain deceit will only serve to  
promote the use of these drugs among the youth. Again we urge you to take immediate  
action to assure that it is not published and distributed as planned.

Respectfully,



Rev. Thomas W. Miller, Pastor  
Calvary Bible Presbyterian Church



Rev. David C. Brown  
Bible Presbyterian Home Missions