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COMMUNISM IN SCHOOLS

Mr FELDMAN (Caboolture—ONP) (Leader of the One Nation Party) (7.02 p.m.): I rise tonight to inform honourable members that the State is in big trouble when communist recruiters can enter our State schools and talk to young and impressionable children and peddle their message of hate and division. The State is in equally big trouble when the Minister can wash his hands of the problem by blaming this scandalous affair upon the print media, television and the Internet. The people of Queensland want to know just what the Minister is going to do about stopping this particular nasty form of political child abuse in our State schools. If the Minister does not act, then reasonable people must conclude that he approves of child abuse and he is party to it.

The Brisbane media must be commended for putting a spotlight on these communists working within our schools. The very fact that these people are working within our schools must bring into question just what is being taught in our schools these days. A perceptive correspondent in a local paper made a valid point. He said that there were many political alternatives to what this gaggle of communists sought to pass off as politics. The question must be asked: what alternative views are available to those children backed by a good number of older and well-known agitators from the past who showed their commitment to the democratic ideal by attempting to push down the gates of Parliament?

I draw the attention of the House to the current edition of News Weekly—members should read it—which carries an excellent exposure of the groups behind the mob that assaulted Parliament last week. It is subtly entitled "Resistance: force behind the anti-Hanson melees". What must be an insult to our intelligence is the repeated praise by some media people that this mob protest was somehow principled or an expression of the will of the youth. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is a mob that hates Australia and puts communist Cuba up as the ideal system of Government. This is the mob that holds the madman Karl Marx as the epitome of virtue—this man whose evil empires murdered upwards of 60 million Russians and 100 million Chinese as well as one third of the people of Cambodia.

If this is an expression of the will of youth—and some silly media people claim it is—then this will is twisted and anti-Australian. It is not democratic, is not rational and is not in the best interests of children, schools, parents or a free society. It is our equivalent of the sloganising of the Blackshirts of the fascist Mussolini, who busted up the meetings of political opponents. It is the equivalent of the sloganising of the Brownshirts of the Nazis, who busted up the meetings of their political opponents. It is the equivalent of the sloganising of the red shirts, who smashed up the meetings of political opponents in every country sad enough to host their presence. And it was the equivalent of the sloganising of the union thugs and political stooges of the Left, who drowned out the public meetings of Fraser and Snedden during the early 1970s.

They all have one common denominator: they hate democratic institutions, they hate our constitutional monarchy and they really hate Australia. They are now here operating and peddling their crazy views among children—young, impressionable minds—because they cannot stand over adults. They never go beyond senseless and silly name-calling. They fit nicely into what Sydney journalist Paul Sheehan described as the politics of embarrassment to vilify critics and stigmatise opponents in the most violent of language. They are exactly what they call the others and so are their mates no matter where one finds them vilifying Australians.

They give comfort to the members opposite who may still believe in the old tarnished slogan, "No enemies to the Left!" One would have hoped that the members opposite would have long ago put that garbage behind them, and I challenge them to do so now. Today John Howard, Pauline Hanson and One Nation are their targets. Tomorrow it could very well be them.
