

Many British Boys' Schools Reveal Low Academic Record

By ROY CURRIE
LONDON (CP)—Many of Britain's most renowned boys' schools score low marks in an examination of academic standards at high-priced boarding institutions.

Only 16 "top 20" so-called "public" schools—actually fee-charging private schools—are better than most free state grammar schools, says the report, published Sunday.

Boys from Eton, the august school which charges a \$500 (\$1,850) a year and then only accepts sons of the elite, were shown to have a lower pass record than those in most state schools.

The survey, conducted by sociologist John Wakeford of the non-profit Advisory Centre for Education, covered 100 "public" schools, 45 grammar schools and 45 direct grant schools—schools which usually receive grants but also receiving government grants to provide some free places.

Of schools studied the Ampleforth Roman Catholic school, which charges \$280 a year, rated best among boarding schools with 83 of every 100 students gaining top A-level passes.

Eton, alma mater of almost all members of the present cabinet, placed 31st. Harrow, Sir Winston Churchill's old school, was 40th.

CHARGES BETTER
But one thing certain, the boys who go to the "best" public schools stand a far better chance of getting into Oxford or Cambridge.

The report says a boy with the correct old school tie and the academic qualifications has one chance in four of entering one of the country's two most famous universities. A boy from a grammar school with the

same educational qualifications has one chance in 20.

In another phase of the report, Wakeford says there is a "rebellion" taking place against rules designed to limit boys' associations as far as possible to those within the school community.

He reports boys are rebelling against compulsory church attendance, censorship of private mail and strict rules on dress and are demanding more freedom to associate with girls.

"Homosexuality is a declining problem," Wakeford reports "partly because boys themselves disapprove of it more than the masters do and partly because the seniors now are turning their attention to girls."

But this trend, he says, presents new problems of discipline because the "traditional reasoning" that "girls lead to sex and sex wrong" still persists.

LONDON (AP)—The teenage editors of the Eton College magazine announced an upper cut at the noble art of self-defence Monday, calling for boxing to be banned at their blue-blooded academy.

Editors David Jessel, 18, and Hon. William Waldgrave, 17, son of an earl, announced in the Eton Chronicle:

"We hope that boxing will become as obsolete as a galley slave or the chain gang."

The editors said they wanted the sport banned on medical grounds and because "the potentially sadistic minority in any community" had been observed lurking in school boxing audiences.

As an alternative, "an altogether more satisfactory and effective method" of learning self-defence, they suggested the school take up judo.

Young Separatist Gives View On Montreal Arms Theft

TORONTO (CP) — A young Quebec separatist convicted of setting fire to an armory said here he believes the perpetrators of Montreal's huge arms theft in Montreal have bank robbery on their minds as a means of financing revolution.

The separatist, Guy de Grasse, 24, made the comment during a discussion of terrorism in Quebec on the CTV Television Network's Pierre Berton Show. Transcript of the program was made available in advance of the broadcast.

De Grasse, serving a two-year suspended sentence for helping set fire to the Craig Street Armory in Montreal last August, refused to say whether he knows any of the people involved in the raid on the Armory of Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal Jan. 30.

"I am all on parole for two years and whatever I say or do at this time could be very dangerous for me because I might get four years," he said.

Asked whether he sympathized with the army raiders, he said: "I sympathize with them but I wouldn't sympathize with the perpetrators of acts such as killing people or placing bombs where they might endanger a life."

Anonymous phone calls to police and newspapers have described the army raiders as members of a new group called the Comité Révolutionnaire de Québec (Quebec Revolutionary Committee).

Asked what he thinks they are going to do, de Grasse, replied: "The main thing right now, I believe, is to get some money and the only way to get some money is to steal it from where it is—banks."

"That's the theory that has

been expressed," Berton said. "They want the guns to hold up banks for a large reserve fund so they can effect a revolution. Is this what is going on?"

"Yes," replied de Grasse.

De Grasse appeared on the program with Richard Brier, 19, a former elevator operator and one of the members of the Front de Liberation Quebecois, which waged a campaign of bombings in Montreal between March 7 and May 30 last year.

Brier has just been released on good behavior from Bordeaux prison after serving four months of a six-month sentence for planting a bomb at an RCAF technical services building.

De Grasse, a secretary at a University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, belonged to a group that called itself the Junior F.I.Q.

De Grasse said he believes there must be innocent victims in a revolution.

Berton: "So you believe that sometimes, any means even if it involves the death of innocent people, is the proper way to achieve something that you believe in?"

De Grasse: "Yes... when it's important enough, when it involves the life and freedom of people, I believe even if you eliminate 100 persons it doesn't matter."

De Grasse and Brier both said they believe the French-speaking people of Quebec are not free.

"We are colonized in three ways," Brier said. "By the federal government in that they have a majority of English-speaking people; secondly, economically, by the English-speaking and thirdly, by the Catholic Church."

able to support either claim.

The hair, which many Moslems believe has supernatural protective powers, mysteriously reappeared Jan. 4.

Tension has eased in the Kashmir valley, though fresh trouble has been reported in Jammu province in connection with the disappearance of a group of Hindu temple.

The two areas form unannexed Kashmir state.

One reason for mob fury was the repressive nature of the state government. Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed began his rule by jailing the state prime minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, an extremely popular figure known as the Lion of Kashmir.

Abdullah favored a plebiscite on Kashmir's future. India opposes this.

But a popular hero, he is in prison charged with plotting to throw the state of Pakistan—a cause he denies.

Indian officials privately admit Bakshi's 18 years in power were marked by corruption and misrule. Their plea is that the constitution gave him a more or less free hand.

Faced with mounting criticism in New Delhi, Bakshi resigned last September, but stayed on in the government behind the new state cabinet headed by Shams Uddin.

Mohammed Sayeed Masoodi, leader of the all-party Kashmir committee said, following recovery of the hair:

"The movement will continue. We will have to re-educate the people morally, politically and economically."

"That would take years, be acknowledged. The case of the Kashmiris are 'centuries behind.'"

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All of this over a brown hair—a little glass tube, kept in a green bag in a silver casket.

Who stole it from his gilded vault in Hazratbal shrine?

Many Srinagar citizens suspect the state political machine itself, believing the regime wanted to provoke trouble that would justify repressing its opponents.

Police say that Pakistan was responsible and that the trouble was fanned with Pakistan's United Nations Security Council charges against India on Kashmir.

There is no evidence avail-

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