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"My People Are Destroyed For Lack Of Knowledge" HOSEA 4:6

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide knowledge for parents and educators who want to save the children of America from the destructive forces that endanger them. Our children in the public schools are at grave risk in 4 ways: academically, spiritually, morally, and physically — and only a well-informed public will be able to reduce those risks.
"Without vision, the people perish."

PURE A New Movement for Parental Rights

On Sept. 25-26, 1987, Parents for Unalienable Rights in Education (PURE) held its first organizing meeting in Amarillo, Texas. Because of the delays encountered in mailing out notices of the meeting, attendance was small. But attendees came from as far away as New Hampshire and Arizona, and at the close of the meeting on Saturday, it was obvious that enthusiasm for the new organization was tremendous. In fact, after the meeting on Friday evening, everyone simply moved into the dining hall of the church-school building and continued to discuss the various issues until midnight.

The simple purpose of PURE is to mobilize parents to defend and assert their God-given, unalienable rights as parents. There was a time in the early history of our country when unalienable parental rights were considered so fundamental to our conception of society that the mere idea that someday these rights might be denied was unthinkable. But something happened on our way to the 20th century. A new philosophy of government arose in the minds of men that put the state in the place of God as sovereign over our lives. And in one fell swoop, the idea of God-given, unalienable rights was stricken from our legal vocabulary. It is true that

politicians now and then refer to God-given rights when promoting the leftist statist agenda, but they do so in the same spirit that liberation theology is used to promote Marxism-Leninism. True Christians, however, are not fooled by such semantic trickery.

The idea to create PURE arose out of events which took place in Idaho beginning in November 1984 when the three Shippy brothers and their wives were jailed for the "crime" of home-schooling their 16 school-age children. The Shippys had removed their children from the public schools because the education they were getting there conflicted with their religious faith. Although home-schooling is technically legal in Idaho, the school officials imposed such difficult regulations as to make home-schooling virtually impossible.

Their regulations demanded a "full description of the proposed home school," including names and qualifications of teachers; sample of all instructional materials; "the schedule of instruction by hour, day, and week;" the methods and standards for measuring academic achievement; and "the methods by which normal social growth and peer interaction will be provided." Also,

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