

'The Execution of Charles Horman'

Author blames U.S. for death of American in Chile

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If Thomas Hauser has anything to say about it, the name of Charles Horman will become a household word and his cause the cause of every right thinking person.

Hauser is the author of a book called "The Execution of Charles Horman: An American Sacrifice." Recently published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich and excerpted in the November issue of Penthouse magazine, the book is billed as a compelling narrative of an American tragedy with implications for every citizen.

Many authors get involved with their characters, for Hauser the Horman case has become a mission. "If the book is a success and makes money and gets on lists, that won't make it a success for me, if it doesn't result in answers about the death of Charles Horman," Hauser said in a Southfield interview.

Charles Edmund Horman, born in New York in 1942, was a talented young journalist. He graduated magna

cum laude from Harvard University, served honorably in the National Guard and in 1972 settled in Chile with his wife Joyce to pursue a career in freelance writing.

"He had done fine work for top notch publications as a writer and filmmaker," Hauser said. "In the aftermath of the coup in Chile that overthrew the Allende government, he stumbled on what he believed was evidence of U. S. involvement in the coup."

"CHARLES became frightened and went to our embassy to try to get help in leaving the country. He was told there was no way. Thirty minutes later, he was arrested and dragged to the stadium and executed."

"Months later, his body was found," Hauser said the important questions are whether U.S. officials covered up Horman's execution and he was executed at the request of our government.

Horman's death took place more

than five years ago in September 1973. For his parents and wife, the aftermath of that loss has been a web of lies and deceit, Hauser maintains.

Before the body was found, Horman's father Ed traveled to Chile to try to find out what had happened to his son.

"We know now that even before Ed Horman left for Chile, the U.S. government knew he had been executed and never told Ed," Hauser said. "That raises the question: Why?"

Hauser said a former member of Chilean military intelligence and defector, Rafael Gonzales, testified that he was present when Horman was ordered executed because he knew too much.

"The order came from our own CIA," Hauser said. "Now Gonzales has disappeared and reappeared in Madrid, Spain, where our state department refuses to put him in touch with the Horman family."

He added the state department is also withholding more than 100 docu-

ments about the case for "national security reasons."

CHARLES Horman's family has spent five years simply trying to find out what happened.

"They've gone to the state department, to Congress, to the Church committee and still lack the answers," he said. "Diane Lavy of the Church committee, after their investigation ended, said she didn't see how Charles Horman could have been killed without the cooperation of some Americans."

Hauser, who had met Charles just once at a party, left a \$50,000 law practice to write the book for a \$6,000 advance.

"We want to arouse the media, to arouse people," he said. "We need people to ask the state department why they are hiding Gonzales and withholding those documents and why did they let Ed Horman agonize and search those weeks in Chile when the

government knew his son was dead?"

For Tom Hauser, the tragedy of Charles Horman is that it is something that could have happened to anyone.

"He was a decent man, killed because he happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

On Oct. 3, Ed Horman delivered a copy of the Hauser book to the White House with a letter addressed to President Carter. He told the president he has great faith in the country, but that faith has been sorely tested by his experiences of the past five years.

He asked simply for help in finding out the facts of his son's death.

"HE HASN'T had any response since," said Hauser. "This is the greatest country in the world and my book is not anti-American. I know very well it is one of the few countries where I could write such a book."

"I believe strongly in freedom of the press, but sometimes the press doesn't live up to it," he said. "Why didn't CBS, Time or the

New York Times do what I did about the Horman case? I could have been done long before."

"The press tends to sit back and wait for people to come to it. They deserve protection but with those rights come responsibility. All the Horman wants is answers and the chance to start living again."

"It would take courage on the part of the president," he added, "but this whole thing could be over in two weeks with a few words from him. The fact that nothing is done makes me suspicious."

"THIS CASE has been marked by callous treatment. It's very troubling. When Charles' body was finally found, the family asked that it be returned for burial."

"Six months later, Kissinger sent a wire asking the Horman for \$900 to ship a crate with the body in it. It wasn't even a proper casket."

"This case stinks. And what's frightening is it could have been you, me or the guy next door."

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT For the Year Ended June 30, 1978 COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS	1977	1978
Cash	\$ 1,706	\$ 11,455
Taxes Receivable	42,097	80,677
Accounts Receivable	1,996,547	816,334
Due from Other Funds	-	-
Interest Receivable	-	-
Inventory	227,474	211,385
Investments	853,063	2,365,524
Prepaid Expense	117,122	131,093
Res Costs	381,095	406,154
Total	\$3,569,504	\$3,657,961
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	\$ 697,908	\$ 390,051
Due Other Funds	57,025	70,248
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	638,869	597,594
Salaries Payable	1,939,013	2,188,666
Deferred Revenue	35,946	47,966
Reserve for Obligations	4,281	258,946
Total Liabilities	\$1,386,993	\$3,553,671
Fund Balance	193,511	434,290
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$3,569,504	\$3,657,961

COMPARATIVE REVENUES AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1978

REVENUES:	1977	1978
Local	\$17,225,814	\$20,008,267
State	5,470,132	4,993,417
Federal	632,266	788,152
Income Transfers and Other Transactions	1,328,629	1,225,539
Total Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	\$24,657,051	\$27,077,375
EXPENDITURES:		
Instruction	\$12,952,188	\$13,742,140
Instruction - Employee Benefits	1,392,340	1,601,355
Support Services:		
Pupil	1,524,920	1,605,087
Instructional Staff	1,394,485	1,630,673
General Administration	272,731	282,159
School Administration	1,442,780	1,474,615
Business	4,628,933	4,817,553
Central	165,800	156,259
Other	-	-
Support Services - Employee Benefits	671,483	1,051,422
Community Services	58,243	77,399
Community Services - Employee Benefits	4,541	6,207
Capital Outlay	192,854	157,419
Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	200,424	212,098
Total Expenditures, Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	\$24,888,727	\$26,836,596
Excess of Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions Over Expenditures Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	\$1,231,679	\$240,779

STATE OF FUND BALANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978

Fund Balance, July 1, 1977	\$ 193,511
Additions (Deductions)	-
Prior Year Adjustments	-
Excess of Revenue, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions Over Expenditures	\$ 240,779
Other Additions (Deductions)	-
Fund Balance, June 30, 1978	\$ 434,290

* Student Services Reported in School Service Fund and Trust and Agency Fund Beginning 1977-78 Fiscal Year.

BUILDING AND SITE FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:	1977	1978
Cash	\$ 19	\$ 100
Interest Receivable	5,797	3,777
Investments	300,203	304,107
Total Assets	\$ 306,019	\$ 307,984
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	3,000	-
Due to Other Funds	7,143	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,143	\$ -
Fund Balance	295,876	307,984
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 306,019	\$ 307,984

BUILDING AND SITE FUND COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDED

REVENUES:	1977	1978
Local	\$ 22,440	\$ 18,735
Other Revenues	-	-
Income Transfers and Other Transactions	-	-
Total Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	\$ 22,440	\$ 18,735
EXPENDITURES:		
Land	\$ -	\$ 5,517
Buildings and Additions	332,883	1,110
Furniture and Equipment	25,539	-
Other Expenses	-	-
Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	-	-
Total Expenditures, Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	\$ 358,422	\$ 6,627
Excess of Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions Over Expenses and Outgoing Transfers	\$ (335,982)	\$ 12,108

BUILDING AND SITE FUND STATEMENT OF FUND EQUITY YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978

Fund Balance, July 1, 1977	\$ -
Additions (Deductions)	-
Prior Year Adjustments	-
Excess of Revenue, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions Over Expenditures	\$ 12,108
Other Additions (Deductions)	-
Fund Equity, June 30, 1978	\$ 12,108

DEBT FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS:	1977	1978
Cash	\$ 254	\$ 1,755
Taxes Receivable	7,101	6,116
Interest Receivable	16,904	18,768
Investments	1,091,137	936,977
Total Assets	\$1,115,416	\$963,616
LIABILITIES:		
Tax Notes and Loans Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Other Funds	3,292	-
Other Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,292	\$ -
Fund Balance	1,112,124	\$963,616
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$1,115,416	\$963,616

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDED

REVENUES:	1977	1978
Local	\$2,253,774	\$2,184,745
Other Revenues	-	-
Income Transfers and Other Transactions	-	-
Total Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	\$2,253,774	\$2,184,745
EXPENDITURES:		
Redemption of Bonds	\$1,120,000	\$1,135,000
Interest on Bonds	1,185,286	1,154,655
Other Expenses	2,820	3,418
Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	-	-
Total Expenditures, Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	\$2,308,106	\$2,332,553
Excess of Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions Over Expenditures, Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	\$ (54,332)	\$ (148,508)

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND STATEMENT OF FUND EQUITY YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978

Fund Equity, July 1, 1977	\$ -
Additions (Deductions)	-
Prior Year Adjustment	-
Excess of Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions Over Expenditures, Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions	\$ (148,508)
Fund Equity, June 30, 1978	\$ (148,508)

LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS JUNE 30

RESOURCES TO LIQUIDATE LONG-TERM DEBT:	1977	1978
AMOUNTS AVAILABLE IN THE DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 960,616	\$ 960,616
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF BONDS	2,320,384	2,320,384
TOTAL RESOURCES TO LIQUIDATE LONG-TERM DEBT	\$1,359,768	\$1,359,768
LONG-TERM DEBT PAYABLE:		
SCHOOL BOND LOANS PAYABLE	-	-
OTHER LOANS	-	-
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT PAYABLE	\$ -	\$ -

PHYSICAL ASSETS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

	1977	1978
Value of Sites	\$3,049,179	\$3,061,417
Value of Buildings	37,686,262	37,700,391
Value of Equipment and Vehicles	5,820,271	6,001,839
Number of Classrooms & Other Instruc. Areas	690	690
Number of Buildings	26	26
Number of Teachers	746.2	757

TEACHERS SALARIES

Minimum	\$ 9,600	\$ 10,134
Maximum	20,050	21,165
Total Funds Spent for Salaries of Teachers	\$14,015,900	\$14,563,465

PUPILS

Elementary Resident	6,486	6,124
Non-Resident	15	19
Secondary Resident	7,726	7,538
Non-Resident	10	23
Other Pupils	-	-
Special Ed. (separate facility)	287	301
Adult Ed. and others	83	126
Grand Total Pupils	14,607	13,631
*Pupil Teacher ratio	19.58	18.40

** Included as teachers are those certified persons not classified as administrators but a number of whom do not have classrooms, such as librarians, counselors, coordinators, and therapists.

** Pupils divided by the total number of teachers excluding administrators, directors and principals.

Enrollment in the Farmington Public Schools for the school year ending June 30, 1978, dropped to 13,631 students from 14,607 students the previous year, a drop of 8%, approximately 4.6%.

Expenditures increased to \$26,836,596 from \$24,888,727 the previous year, an increase of \$1,947,869, approximately 7.8%.

The revenue increase exceeding the expenditure increase allowed the district to complete the year with a very limited general fund equity, of \$434,290, 1.6% of the general fund expenditures.

The decline in enrollment which has been occurring for the past several years, and which is expected to continue for the next several years, has continued to be a major concern in the school district. Considerable effort was made during the past year to keep expenditures per pupil within the revenue per pupil.

89% of expenditures were made for direct instructional costs (teacher aides, teaching supplies, textbooks, etc.); 6.7% of expenditures were made for student support services (counselors, librarians, speech correctionists, social workers, etc.). Support service for the instructional staff and administration at the school level accounted for 12.9% of expenditures. Operations (school cleaning, heating and lighting, etc.), maintenance and pupil transportation was 17.7% and all other expenses totaled 4.7%.

Revenues from local sources of the district increased from 70.5% of the total in 1977 to 78% in 1978, while revenues from the state decreased from 22.4% in 1977 to 18.5% in 1978. This is a trend that has continued for several years.

Objectives of the district were to provide the very best education possible for its students, within the financial limitations placed on the district. It is felt these objectives were met.

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