Dr. Spock

He's more vehement about issues he was against 25 years ago

By Carolyn DeMerco staff writer

POCK SPOKE and people listened, as they have listened since 1945 when the famed listened listened

'70s, specifically violence, television and war.

On physical punishment for children: 'Ilused to pussyfoot about that in my younger days, in my carlier volumes, but I'm getting bolder in my '80s — I now say NO physical punishment or humilliation. My mother was a humillator. I some-times think in some situations it's better to be whacked than humilitated.'

But on permissiveness: "For the But on permissiveness: "For the first 22 years my book was out, I got no letters. It wasn't until I was indicted by the federal government for opposition to the Vietnam war that the subject came up." It was Norman Vincent Peale, Spock sald, who lifts! labeled him as a corrupter of youth because of his permissive child-raising philosphies. People to-day still stop him in airports to discuss it.

day still stop him in airporta to un-cuss it.

"I am not a permissive. I never will be a permissive." His philosophy, he ex-plained, has always been to raise children to respect and in turn to re-spect those children. "I havent' changed the basies. But to oppress children is something entirely differ-ent."

AND ON VIOLENCE and televi-sion: "The United States is more vio-lent by far than any other country.

There is more murder, more rape, more wife abuse, more child abuse. Experiments have shown that telvimore wire abuse, more entid abuse. Experiments have shown that telvision violence makes people more cuitalized. Some are moved to become murders, wife abusers, child abusers by what they see on television. Our children are watching television more hours than they are in school — violence and silly stuff. I guess I'm showing my intolerance in old age . . . What we should be doing its demanding of our television stations (appropriate) programs for school children, programs for school children, and this country a families have never been in a worse sociological condition, Spock said. The things that use to comfort us are gone. He listed the extended family, satisfaction in work, and the small, tightly knit community as emplex.

small, tightly knit community as earmples.

In losing the small community, Spock said, "We have lost the sense of being well known." Morality existed, he said, because everyone knew who you were and what you were doing. "There are no secrets in a small tightly knit community. That's what makes people behave themselves."

themselves."

In the past, he said, "Croftsmen took pride in what they were making and the buyer would appreciate the product. There was a double satisfaction. When you work on an assembly line tightening nuts, you never see the whole product. And the assembly line is not just in factories but in offices.

COMPETITIVENESS has contrib-uted to increased tensions, Spock said, starting with teaching children to read at age 2. "It's characteristic of our society — some other person's

to read at age 2. "It's characteristic of our society — some other person's kid is learning to read so mine should."

Summer camp used to be a time for a child to get way from the acatemics, to enjoy nature, he said. "Today they learn computers and how to play better tennis."

Overlapping with competitiveness is materialism, he said. All of us need to be materialistic to a degree.

he said, but the balance is missing today. "I'm not trying to bring back the importance of family and religion. I'm pointing out that we lack those balances. Man does not live by bread alone. The older I get the more I am impressed with that truth."

To reverse the trend, Spock said, we must let go of the idea that "get-

ting ahead" is the most important thing, "I think we need to bring up children to serve, to be kind to be loving. Lecturing on it doesn't do much good. They must be sureated at home to bring out the desire to be of service, to be kind and to be lov-ing. Children want to be helpful. If encouraged at all they will be help-ful."



I'm not trying to bring back the importance of family and religion, I'm just trying to point out that we lack balances today. Man does not live by bread alone. The older I get the more impressed I am with that truth."

- Dr. Benjamin Spock

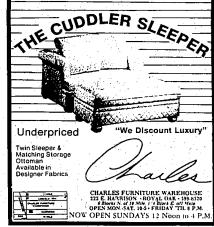
If Spock were king, the schools would drop all grading, "Grades are an abornination," he said. "It distracts the student," Schools emphasize all the wrong hings, he said the wrong hings, he said the wrong hings, he said he said, responsibility, initiative and creativity should be pushed.

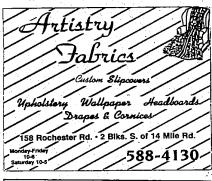
Today's children are being misted in sex education classes, he said, because of the over-emphasis on anatomy and physiology. "It's great to get over mysticism — it's good for children not to be scared, but now it's all anatomy and physiology and they've left out that human sexuality is 50 percent spiritual."

SPOCK VEERED to another fa-vorite topic: politics. It's wonderful to have progress in vaccinations, he said, but what we need for our chil-dren is better daycare, better schools and better health care. "It's incredible that here we are the richest country in the world... our

ideals are off. We ought to be more demanding of our politicians. To those who say we cann't afford it, meed to say stop squandering trillions on nuclear weapons. To those who say we consider the control of the contr

always attracts the media and then the government. "Do any of these do any good? he said. "I'm asking in case no one else asks. "LBJ said 'I refuse to be the first president to lose a war." Was that good reason to send millions and the said of the said of the said ally he gave up the didn't dare run again."







DOUBLE CELL CONSTRUCTION OFFERS * Crosp uniform pleat retention * fabric soft to the touch, yet superior in strength * Excellent copy; efficiency * Soft color on inside, uniform white on streetside * Color-coordinated components, no cords or hales in sight * 1-year warrants * Clear, Ture colors will complement any room interface.

ON SALE NOW From These Selected Window Treatment Retailers

ALL AREAS
Decorating Den 1-800-999-8640
DETROIT
Carpet Shack
1907-124 World Mar
HIGHLAND
Decor Unlimited
1107-55 Millord Rd
887-2489

1107 to Millord Rd 887-2489
LAKE ORION Lake Orion Window Treatments 47 to Broodwa 693-0124
LAKE ORION Pals Enterprises 44 behand 693-4592

685-7055

Colorite Paint

437-5199 or 8335
STERLING REIGHTS
Creative Custom Draperies
17747 Gregory 979-8410 WEST BLOOMFIELD Window World 932-0336 559-1221

Cadillac Drapen

207 N. Main St. OUTH LYON Draperies Gallore 11221 Chair the Dr.

Nominations are now being accepted for the "Outstanding Business Person" and the "Outstanding Citizens" awards in the annual competition sponsored by Farmington Area

Nominees should be people who have made significant contributions to the community as an individual or as a business owner. Nominees will be judged by Farmington area Jaycees of the bals of contribution to the

'Outstanding' people sought for competition

community.

Both persons selected will be honored at the Jaycevs annuyal Leader-ship Prayer Breakfast, scheduled to begin at 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Glen Oaks Country Club.

Entries should be sent to Farming-ton Area Jaycees, in care of Rita Albers, 30331 Timberidge, Apt. 104. Farmignton Hills, 48336. The entries must be received on or before Jan. 8, 1991.

Newly Remodeled Warren Chateau Hall

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 8:30 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. Includes

Hors d'oeuvre Open Bar Continuous Buffet 9 30-11 00 Hot Breakfast 2 30-3:30 2 LIVE BANDS *42.00 Per Person



Finding a Dentist In a new community isn't easy...

And most newcomers say that's one of their first requirements after they move in Getting To Know You is the newcomer specialist who holps new families pick the health professionals they need if you want to help new families in town to better health, pick



WELCOMING NEWCOMERS NATIONWIDE

(800) 645-6376

APPETIZING, APPEALING and ACCOMMODATING



These are just some of the adjectives residents and their families have used to describe the meals and the attitude of the Dietary Department at Peachwood Inn. The staff is proud of the meals served to our residents. Each meal is prepared daily in our own kitchen. Each meal is healthy and nutritious and they are presented in a manner that is appealing to the appetite and pleasing to the eye. Naturally we also honor special diets and have dietary supplements for our residents who require them.

We also know that mealtime is an important time. For our residents' convenience, breakfast is served in their room. Luncheon and dinner is served in one of our beautiful dining rooms where every effort is made to make mealtime enjoyable and interesting.

In keeping with the Peachwood philosophy, the Dietary Department is concerned with individual preferences. By keeping in close touch with each resident the department prepares menus that accommodate and satisfy a wide variety of personal tastes, Isn't this just what you would expect from a health care facility offering hotel-style living?

Peachwood Inn 3500 W. South Boulevard, Rochester Hills

852-7800

Medicare Certified

Tours by appointment, Monday-Friday