

# Indiana Censor Fears Little Red Robin Hood

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INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 13—  
The story of "Robin Hood" was  
under attack today by a member  
of Indiana's Textbook Commis-  
sion, who demanded that the tale  
be removed from school books  
because it promoted Communist  
doctrine.

Mrs. Thomas J. White of In-  
dianapolis, Republican member  
of the State Commission, also  
demanded banning of all infor-  
mation about the Quaker religion  
because, she said, it also tended  
to support communism.

State Superintendent of Edu-  
cation Wilbur Young said he  
would reread "Robin Hood" to  
consider the merits of Mrs.  
White's charge.

[In Nottingham, England, the  
present Sheriff of Nottingham  
said that "Robin Hood was no  
Communist."]

Mrs. White charged that "there

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is a Communist directive in education now to stress the story of Robin Hood."

"They want to stress it because he robbed the rich and gave it to the poor. That's the Communist line. It's just a smearing of law and order and anything that disrupts law and order is their meat."

In the meantime, however, the infamous Sheriff of Nottingham will continue to be a villain and not just an injured capitalist to Indianapolis sixth graders.

Indianapolis' Superintendent of Schools, Dr. H. L. Shibler, said he would not ban present textbook references to Robin Hood, the legendary outlaw and bowman of Sherwood Forest.

Mr. Young said Mrs. White, one of seven commission members, "is entitled to her own opinion."

As for the story, he said it "sounds all right as I remember, but it's been twenty-five years since I read it." He said he would read it again "to decide what's in it technically."

Mrs. White said references to Quakers should be eliminated from books because:

"Quakers don't believe in fighting wars. All the men they can get to believe that they don't need to go to war, the better off the Communists are. It's the same as their crusade for peace—everybody lay down his arms and they'll take over."

Dr. Shibler said he could not find

anything subversive about Robin Hood and his band of merrie outlaws, Little John, Friar Tuck, Will Scarlet, and the Maid Marian.

Mrs. White said she often consulted Senator William E. Jenner, Republican of Indiana, about "questionable" authors and persons mentioned in the textbooks.