

"TEEN MONKEY SUITS"

In the March 11, 1957, issue of the Newsweek, we find a rather interesting article in the section on "Education." The question asked is whether clothes have anything to do with juvenile delinquency. "Do such unseemly school clothes as jeans, T shirts, V-neck blouseless sweaters, tight skirts, or party-dress dresses weighed down with ornate jewelry have anything to do with juvenile delinquency?" School people who deal with the problem say the answer is "yes".

At the convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals in Washington, the principal of the Amarillo, Texas, high school summed up the situation by saying, "You can't put a kid into a monkey suit like one of those blue jeans outfits and expect him to make any record for himself." The associate superintendent in Buffalo, New York, went even further by saying, "The way in which boys and girls dress is frequently reflected in their behavior."

This brief article recalls to our mind the text in Deuteronomy 22:5, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." In the Spirit of prophecy, Volume 1, p. 457, we read, "There is an increasing tendency to have women in their dress and appearance as near like the other sex as possible, and to fashion their dress very much like that of men, but God pronounces it abomination." From Volume 1, p. 459, "They imitate the opposite sex as nearly as possible. They wear the cap, pants, vest, coat, and boots, the last of which is the most sensible part of the costume. Those who adopt and advocate this style of dress, carry the so-called dress reform to very objectionable lengths."

Commenting on the text, Deuteronomy 22:5, Dr. Albert Barnes says, "The distinction between the sexes is natural and divinely established and cannot be neglected without indecorum and consequently injury to purity."

It is well for members of the remnant church to review from time to time certain standards of dress as outlined in the Word of God. We are not immune to the carelessness of the world.

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