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Governor, Unit Meet Two Hours

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By WILLIAM B. FOSTER, JR.

A controversial teacher manual containing passages Governor Stanley has described as "socialistic" and "un-American" was disapproved for further use by the State Board of Education today.

Board members withdrew their endorsement of the manual after a two-hour closed-door conference with Stanley in the latter's office today.

Effect of the action was to declare thousands of copies of the book no longer representative of the official views of the board and the State Department of Education and to forbid their use by schoolteachers and division superintendents.

The manual first was published in 1934. The current edition was revised in 1943. Stanley had directed the board to recall outstanding copies of the manual prior to today's meeting.

The Governor concurred in today's action in forbidding further use of the manual in the State school system.

STATEMENT READ

Blake T. Newton, president of the board, called waiting reporters into the conference room at the conclusion of today's meeting and read them this statement:

"The State Board of Education, together with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has given careful consideration to criticisms which have been recently expressed in regard to certain statements contained in the 'Course of Study for Virginia Elementary Schools, Grade I-VII.' At its regular meeting on March 24, 1955, the board authorized the following statement:

"The board and the staff of the State Department of Education are of the opinion that the Manual of Instruction contains much valid and valuable material but have for some time recognized the need of revision.

"This revision has been in process of accomplishment for more than a year, and a number of the sections have already been issued in revised form and others are in the process of preparation.

"The section entitled 'Bases of the Course of Study (Section V) contains some statements which are recognized as objectionable. The board does not approve the inclusion of such statements in a manual of instruction for the use of teachers.

"For these reasons, the board disapproves of the use of the manual entitled 'Course of Study for Virginia Elementary Schools, Grades I-VII' (1934 edition as revised in 1943) in the public schools and requests all division superintendents to direct the teachers of their division to withdraw it from use and confirm such action to the State superintendent.

"The board expresses its complete confidence in the teachers of this State, division superintendents, the State superintendent of public instruction, and his staff in the Department of Education and their absolute loyalty to American ideals and traditions."

UNCERTAIN ON REVISION

In response to a question, Dowell T. Howard, State superintendent of public instruction, said it is uncertain whether the manual now being revised will contain substitute statements for the ones to which the Governor objected or whether the new manual will eliminate the sec-

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