

# Why Should German Language Be Removed? Asks Houston

*Says University Senate Is a Sane Body, and Opposes Mayor's Plan to Ban Hun Tongue From Toronto Schools.*

Banning the German language from the Toronto schools may not be as easy a feat as Mayor Church and the controllers seem to think when they pass resolutions favoring that move.

"Why should German be removed from the curriculum?" demanded Mr. William Houston, M.A., one of the members of the Senate of the University of Toronto, when The Star asked for his view of the Mayor's proposal.

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But Mr. Houston, who has for fifty years been an educationist, put it this way: "What is the reason for German being removed?"

"The Senate of the University is a very sane body of men," said Mr. Houston, and he does not expect it to take a course which he calls silly.

"For sixty years the study of the German language has been on the curriculum," he said, "and it should not be removed without some very good reason. Do the Germans ban

the English language? Is it not a fact that the educated Germans, even the Britain-haters, are required to have a knowledge of the English language?"

The question that the Mayor's critics ask in regard to this latest notion is: "Will it help to win the war? Will it hurt Germany? Or will it merely handicap Torontonians?"

With the Senate of the University rests the issue of whether German is to be taught or not taught in the Toronto collegiates and the University. The matter has been discussed by the Senate, it is said, and its decision is not likely to be altered.

If the study of German is retained as part of the Varsity course the High schools must also retain it in order to give the students a chance for their future.

It is argued at Varsity that there are so many books of value on literature, science, medicine, political economy, and other subjects that they are essential to a well-rounded education, and that translations of them either are not made or could not be made so that they would be of equal value as the original text.