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**SENATOR
 SAM ERVIN
 SAYS**



WASHINGTON -- Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., (D-NC) introduced today a very broad civil rights bill dealing with all aspects of the school desegregation controversy. "The bill is necessary," said Senator Ervin, "to prevent our children from being herded around like cattle or shifted about like pawns in a chess game."

The Ervin bill would grant to parents of all races the freedom to choose the public schools their children attend, and would deprive federal judges and HEW of the power to deny to any child of any race the freedom to attend the public school chosen by his parents. Specifically, the heart of the bill defines "freedom of choice" as:

A system for the assignment of students to public schools in which the schools are open to students of all races and in which the students are granted the freedom to attend public schools and classes chosen by the respective parents from among the public schools and classes available for the instruction of students of their ages and educational standings.

The bill then prevents any federal agency or any federal court, by withdrawing its jurisdiction, from requiring any school board:

1. To make any change in the racial composition of any school using a freedom of choice plan in conformity with the Act.
2. To transport any students from one place to another in order to effect a change in the racial composition of a student body.
3. To deny to any student the right of attending any school or class chosen by the parent in conformity with the "freedom of choice" system as defined in this Act.
4. To close any school and transfer any students from the closed school to any other school for the purpose of altering the racial composition of the student body in any public school.
5. To transfer any member of any faculty from the public school in which the member of the faculty contracts to serve to some other school for the purpose of altering the racial composition of the faculty of any public school.

In his speech to the Senate when he introduced the bill, Senator Ervin said that, "It is as clear as the noon-day sun in a cloudless sky that the most effective way to achieve a system of determining admission to the public schools on a non-racial basis is to open the public schools to children of all races, and allow them or their parents to choose the school they attend."

Senator Ervin indicated that valid freedom of choice plans were in perfect accord with the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment which merely forbids states to treat differently persons similarly situated. The Senator accused HEW officials and federal judges of actually violating the equal protection clause when they nullify freedom of choice plans and declare that school boards must take race into consideration in assigning faculty members and pupils to the public schools.

In conclusion, Senator Ervin said, "my bill merits the support of every Senator and Representative who believes that it is either unconstitutional or unwise for federal judges and bureaucrats to herd children around like cattle or shift them about like pawns in a chess game."

straight talk

By Tom Anderson



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES—Part III

As the Church goes, so goes the nation.
 At the nationwide Conference on Church and Society held in Detroit in 1967, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, delegates urged the churches to become sanctuaries for draft evaders and to sponsor 24-hour general strikes across the United States if the Vietnam war were escalated. They also deplored violence in Vietnam while justifying the arming of snipers and incitement to riot inside the United States.

At this same conference, the arts director of the National Council of Churches showed a film depicting the profile of a couple engaged in sexual intercourse, a stripper removing her clothes, and the gyrations of a topless dancer.

A psychologist and marriage counselor at a meeting of the Council of Churches in the First Church of Christ Congregational, Pittsburgh, Mass., stated: (1) Parents should encourage young children to touch their genitals; (2) Petting through to orgasm is good for teen-agers; (3) Sexual intercourse should start between consenting lovers at seventeen, eighteen or nineteen; and (4) Couples should live together in trial marriages before final marriages. Last May 1 the National Council of Churches admitted that it collected, during 1968, \$24,819,000 from American Christians, suckers and socialists.

It is important to note that the National Council of Churches promotes Marxism, and no Christian can follow both Christianity and Marxism. The same Lord who said "go into all the world and spread the gospel" also said: "Don't cast pearls before swine." *Don't sup-*

port the National Council of Churches!

What can you, as an individual, do? Christian laymen who still believe in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, in spite of the N.C.C., can and should obey the scriptures: "Come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6:17) Hence, you could start, as I have, by joining a fundamentalist, Christ-believing church such as Southern Methodist, Independent Methodist Church, Anglican Episcopal, Independent Presbyterian, etc.

But there is not a fundamental, Bible-believing church in your community? Then **START ONE!** Your living-room, if Christ-oriented, is a better church than is a denomination that belongs to the N.C.C.

Christ did not advocate denominations, hierarchy or publishing houses. Christ didn't even deal with groups. He dealt with individuals. He said: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:29)

One good Christian friend of ours, who belongs to the same sophisticated, social and rich Methodist Church we formerly belonged to, confided that she is going to "stay in and save souls." "How many souls have you saved?" we asked. "None," she admitted. And she probably won't. Because most members go there to socialize, see each other's new clothes, and be "in." She *could* save souls by influencing them to join (or start) a church which would teach them *Christ*.—American Way Features.

The Manion Forum

By Marilyn Manion



SOUTH OF THE BORDER—MORE TROUBLE AHEAD

Last week this column featured the testimony of Manion Forum radio guest Paul Bethel, the Executive Director of the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba. Mr. Bethel, who was with the United States Embassy in Cuba from 1958 until we broke relations on January 3, 1961, has written a book entitled "The Losers." In it, he examines U.S. foreign policy in Latin America—and the disastrous results of that policy.

The "losers" to whom Mr. Bethel refers are in control of a good deal of our foreign policy. Some people call them liberals. They apologize for capitalism and, in Bethel's words, "really believe in statism." Therefore, says Bethel, "in any conflict between our system and that of a so-called progressive system, they're happy to see us lose."

No one can deny that we are most surely losing ground in Latin America today. What sort of policy has produced the current mess? Here is what Bethel says:

"These people are government planners. They have been promoting government-to-government loans in Latin America, they've been promoting so-called liberal regimes, and the total result of this has been in Latin America that government planners themselves, in the final analysis, have more in common with Communist government planners than they do with the aspirations of a democratic society.

"The United States has put 767 million dollars in direct government aid into Chili. The Christian Democrats down there have finally come to the point where they are going into a coalition with the Communist Party.

"What the losers in charge of our policies do is set up a straw man and then pelt it with cliches. One of the cliches is that Cuba was a disaster, that foreign investment in Cuba had

served to enslave the Cuban people, and that they were in very bad shape socially and economically.

"What they really hate is our system of capitalism and free enterprise, which, imperfect as it may be, is certainly vastly superior to anything that has appeared on the horizon.

"The Cuban people were fighting against Batista—for a change in the politics of the country. They were not fighting for a complete social change in Cuba, which, of course, has been brought about by the imposition of Communism on them. But to read the contemporary writings on this situation, you will find the liberal losers still maintain this myth precisely because they use it as an example of what will happen in Latin America.

"In other words, it will be another Batista, there will be another pre-Castro failure, and so forth in Latin America unless the Latin Americans accept their 'progressive' ideas. The result has been statism, political instability, and Cuba is nothing more than a figure of speech. It's not a country. What it represents is the launchment of Soviet power in the Caribbean, from which you have guerrillas being trained, up to ten thousand activists a year, who are being re-exported back into these Latin American countries to explode terror.

"The losers are not Communists. They are the indispensable carpenters who build the bridge over which the Communists walk into power. What they're really promoting in this hemisphere is another one hundred Vietnams in Latin America that will make the present one in Vietnam look like a Sunday School picnic. And this we cannot afford, because we will have been isolated in our own hemisphere."—American Way Features