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SENATOR SAM ERVIN ★ SAYS ★



WASHINGTON - For the first time in this decade, the Senate has taken a hard look at Federal guidelines and busing plans that have been used to force integration in the South even though such guidelines have not been used to deal with similar situations in the North.

After two weeks of Senate debate on a four-year education authorization bill for elementary and secondary schools, the South has won at the least a symbolic victory and probably much more. The Senate approved the Stennis amendment to require the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to use the same public school integration guidelines in all of the nation. Heretofore, the Department has used its powers almost exclusively to force Southern schools to comply with orders to desegregate and overcome racial imbalance by geographical rezonings of school districts or by busing the students from one district to another.

The Senate also adopted my amendment to prohibit any department or employee of the Executive branch of the Federal Government to require assignment or busing of students or teachers in order to overcome racial imbalance or alter racial composition of schools. In effect, this was a restatement of prior Congressional enactments on this subject, but one which I believe is much needed to clarify the law governing HEW guidelines on this subject.

I deeply regret that the Senate did not fully face up to problems brought about by Federal judges and HEW officials acting as "school boards", and adopt my "freedom of choice" bill. Simply stated, this amendment would have secured the right of any child to attend the public school nearest his home.

I regret also that the Senate rejected my amendment to bar courts and Federal departments from requiring any State or local public school board to bus students to alter the racial composition of a student body at any public school.

These battles were not completely lost because on the same day that the Senate passed its version of the education authorization bill, the House passed the Labor-HEW money bill with the Whitten Amendment which also forbids the busing of school children to alter racial imbalance.

The outcome of these bills has yet to be determined, but it is clear that there is a growing disillusionment on the part of the people with Federal policies that are more interested in the busing of children from one place to another than they are in building up the educational processes at the neighborhood school.

Even if Congress does take strong action to get the Nation re-oriented toward education as the prime purpose of the schools, it is difficult to say how soon it will be before the Executive branch and the Courts will also move in this direction. At the least, it can be said that the Nation is becoming aware that the public schools will not thrive if forced integration is to be the main criteria of the Federal Government as it implements educational policies.

All's Well That Makes Money!

"Conservative" Republican businessmen have been helping Sen. Vance Hartke, a liberal Indiana Democrat, raise a 1970 re-election war chest.

The reason: Although they disapprove of his liberal policies generally, they hope he will toss business a few crumbs of support from his position on

the Commerce Committee. As graying radical Saul Alinsky stated last week: "As for businessmen, I could persuade a capitalist on Friday to bankroll a revolution on Saturday that will bring him a profit on Sunday even though he will be executed on Monday."

-HumanEvents

straight talk

By Tom Anderson



THE MANY FACES OF "BIG BROTHER"

A new drive is on, or perhaps it is the same old drive, to save Miami beaches—at your expense. You do ache to have Miami beaches saved, don't you? The beaches can be brought back, for awhile at least, for \$100 million or so! The Federal Government (Big Brother) would pay 60% of the cost. You would like to help inflate the beaches bordering the hundreds of multi-million dollar hotels, wouldn't you, little brother?

The hottest thing in America today is not the back seats at drive-in movies, not Vietnam, but the school bussing of children. It's peculiar how so many whites who never opposed school integration are now so viciously opposed to school bussing. Know why? Most of those people were not opposed to *your* children being integrated. Now *their* children are being integrated, and that's a horse of a different skin. That is, their children are being integrated unless they are affluent people, like congressmen, 93% of whom voted for integration and send *their* children to private, segregated schools.

Would you believe that when integration of schools got under way in the nation's Capital in 1955, about half the students in the public schools were white and half black, and that now 96 out of 100 are black?

Pollution is now "in," right behind inflation, Vietnam and crime. Our politicians are becoming obsessed with pollution. And they ought to know. But not one has named the Number One cause of pollution—*government!* For instance, the Potomac is a river of sewage which even fish can't live in. There is virtually no big business in Washington. The city itself pollutes the river. Industry is a far lesser culprit vir-

tually everywhere. So our phony politicians propose:

1. Force industry to quit polluting the air and waters.
2. Force farmers to quit using hydrocarbon insecticides.
3. Tax the people hundreds of billions of dollars to process city sewage.

Question: Why should the people of rural America pay for the treating of city sewage?

Our nation's divinity schools are infested with leftists and cowards who are there not to learn Christianity but to escape the draft. "Higher education" is the primary means of escaping being shot at. One reason many campus anarchists are so determined to get the war over is so they can leave school and be safe. They are running out of courses to take.

It is inexcusable to allow the rich and the brilliant to hide out in the ivied halls of learning while the poor and the dumb are drafted to shoot and be shot at.

I am against ending the draft. I am for drafting every able-bodied and right-minded male, somewhere between 18 and 21, to serve a year to two years in our nation's armed forces. But no one should be forced to fight an undeclared war. "Police actions" such as our incredible Vietnamese disaster, if ever again engaged in, should be handled by volunteers and professionals and not by draftees.

One of the most-used cliches is the term "free press." The press is certainly free to distort, suppress, exaggerate, smear and lie. But is it free to tell the truth?—American Way Features



BILL KENNEDY:

By Bill Kennedy

PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOT DYING, THEY'RE DEAD!

The cry is that public school systems are being killed in the Deep South states. This is not true. They are already dead. Public schools were schools run for and by the people; the schools here are now federal institutions. How can anyone deny it?

A brand new teacher, just out of school and well trained for her work, is transferred at mid-term of her first year to an all-black district in Birmingham, where 100% of the student body is black. She is frustrated completely; she is afraid to go alone into the district during school hours, not to consider the possibility of attending night meetings at the school. She doesn't communicate with the students; she doesn't relate. She quit the job. I encouraged it. She is my daughter.

But the frustration of a young teacher so handled by the federal authorities must be slight indeed compared to the even younger white student who is picked up an hour early in the morning to be bussed across town and dumped for the day in an all-black neighborhood "to be educated." Nor is the black child any less put upon when hauled out of the school of his own choosing and transported to strange and frightening surroundings in some distant section of the city.

Every politician in and out of office here "deplores" this situation. They call on Washington with petitions; they bring law suits; they introduce bills in legislatures and the Congress; they make promises. The petitions are ignored, or ridiculed. The lawsuits go to federal judges for disposal. New state laws are declared "unconstitutional." So, "It must be done with legislation in Washington," some of our statesmen tell us.

No bill in Congress is going to "save the day," no bill that would help is going to pass the "bleeding heart," liberal Congress. Congressman James Haley of the 7th Florida District finally got down to telling it like it is the other day. "We can introduce all manner

of bills and resolutions," he said, "but (it) accomplishes nothing. . . . The lamentable fact is we do not even have the votes to get bills or resolutions out of the Judiciary Committee of either the House or the Senate and onto the floor."

The congressman went on to explain that, "the liberal-stacked House committee numbers only 6 southerners out of a total membership of 35 (and) the Senate committee numbers only 4 southerners out of 17." He further pointed out that Rep. Whitten's anti-bussing amendment, which he finally maneuvered through the House last year, was killed by a margin of 2 to 1 in the Senate.

The one answer we see is for the people in the states to admit that the school system they knew is dead, and stop supporting it. It has already been demonstrated that the state will not be allowed by the courts to give tax credit to parents who support private schools. But there is no way yet devised for any federal court to dictate the amount of money a state legislature must appropriate to the "public" school system. State appropriations to public schools should be eliminated entirely.

A state legislature with the guts to defy the politically powerful PTA, and led by a Governor with the courage to strike down all state taxes earmarked for education, would create a situation the feds could not cope with politically. They might continue to operate the federal institutions—with money they take from all the states—but local tax-paying parents would be relieved of state taxes for education. And this would leave them money to once again pay for (and supervise) the education of their children as they see fit.

If the state governments do not see fit to discontinue local support of these federal institutions the people should rise up en masse and refuse to pay the school taxes. Start the long overdue tax revolt with that worthy beginning. —American Way Features