

What About Us If We Miss That Bus!!



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This item will probably be as popular as a beard at the Welfare Department or a minister in hell, but here goes:

WHAT ABOUT THE NEGRO CHILDREN WHO DO NOT GET BUSSED TO WHITE SCHOOLS? There have been many long arguments and debates between "our leaders" and "their leaders" over whether or not Black children should be transferred by bus to schools in white neighborhoods. Another argument has been over "educational parks" versus "neighborhood schools." But, my friend, the MAIN issue has been MISSED during these debates.

Whether or not bussing is approved, or the "educational" parks adopted, THE MAJORITY of Negro children will STILL GO TO GHETTO SCHOOLS for at least the next five or six years!!!

WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO MISS THE BUS? Will they have to wait five more years before they get books for all their subjects? Will their so-called "advisors" continue to "advise" them to take obsolete courses that prepare them only for Vietnam, jail or welfare? Will they continue to learn "gang-war" while the white children (and the few Negro children who get seats on the bus) get space-age courses? Who will face the basic questions?

Under the present administration (and those that

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preceded it) Black children are purposely denied an education. Why is it that they have space projects and advanced science programs at NORTHEAST while most of those who graduate from FRANKLIN, WEST PHILLY and GRATZ didn't have space to study in? Why is it that MOST (75% according to Rev. Nichols) of OUR children are "FUNCTIONAL ILLITERATES" when they GRADUATE from Philadelphia schools? ? ?

Let's not be confused by the side issues. The time is long overdue for Negro parents to take a strong voice in deciding what happens to their children. If white children can have enough books, modern equipment and qualified teachers NOW, why must Negro children WAIT while "plans" are planned and "studies" studied? HOW LONG WILL NEGROES DEBATE AND ARGUE WHILE OUR CHILDREN ARE BEING CHEATED? ? ?

Did you ever wonder how they could give the SAME test to the white and Black job seeker, yet the white person gets the job almost every time? Did you ever question why the white student has the "drive" to do something for himself, while too many Negro students DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN do anything constructive for themselves? Did you ever find out whether YOUR child is being TAUGHT something DIFFERENT than "their" children? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET DOWN TO THE NITTY-GRITTY WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, PRINCIPAL AND THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CHILDREN? ? ?

Whether it is bussing, "magnet schools," educational parks or "free" colleges, none deals with RIGHT NOW! ! ! We don't have to wait for a bus to get enough books in the ghetto schools. We don't need to wait for new schools to be built to get QUALIFIED teachers (instead of substitutes) in ALL the schools in the Black community. What good will "free" colleges do if we continue to allow "advisors" to select a "modified curriculum" for our children?

LET'S DEAL WITH THE REAL QUESTION -- WHAT ABOUT US WHO MISS THE BUS? ? ?



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