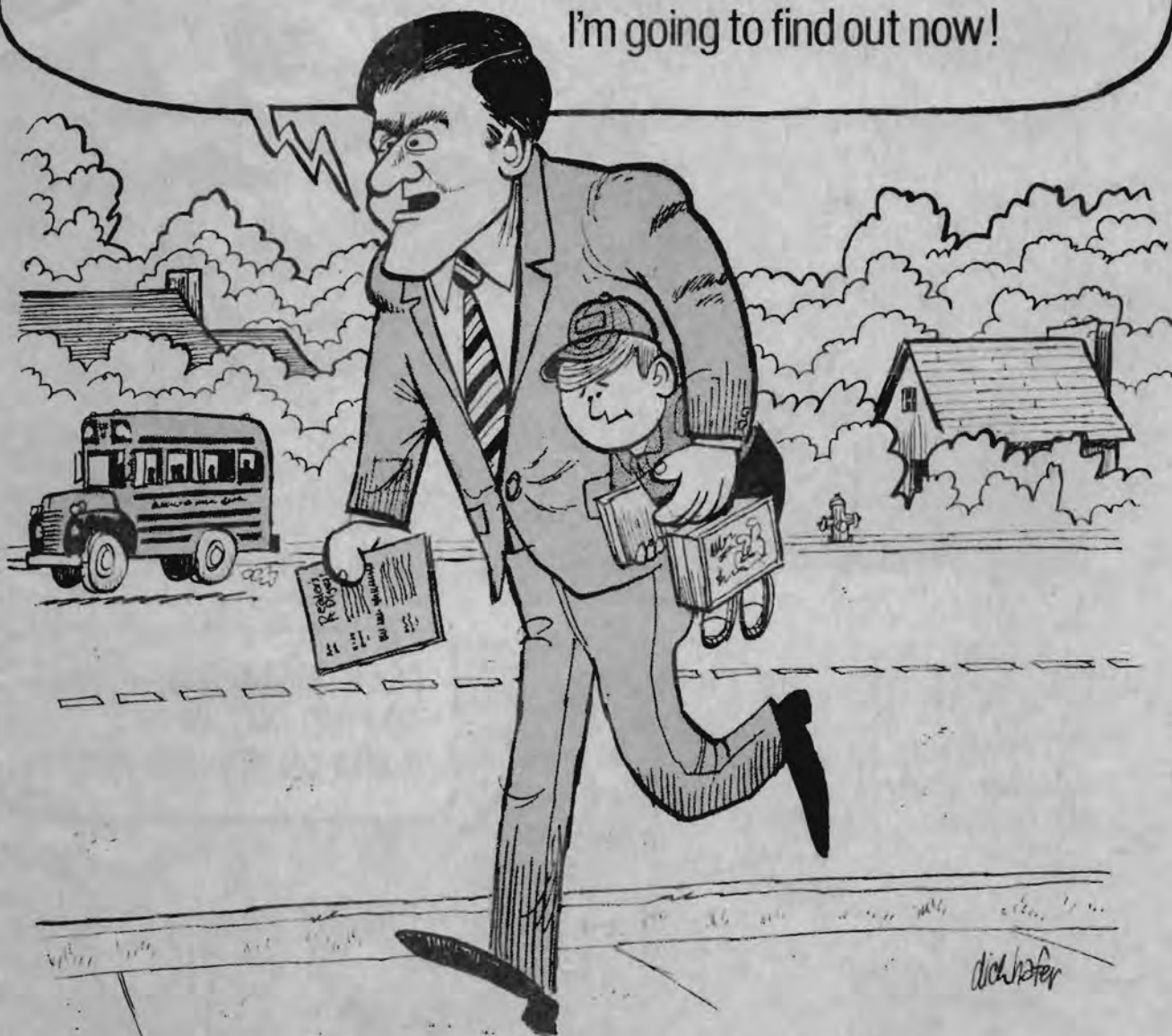
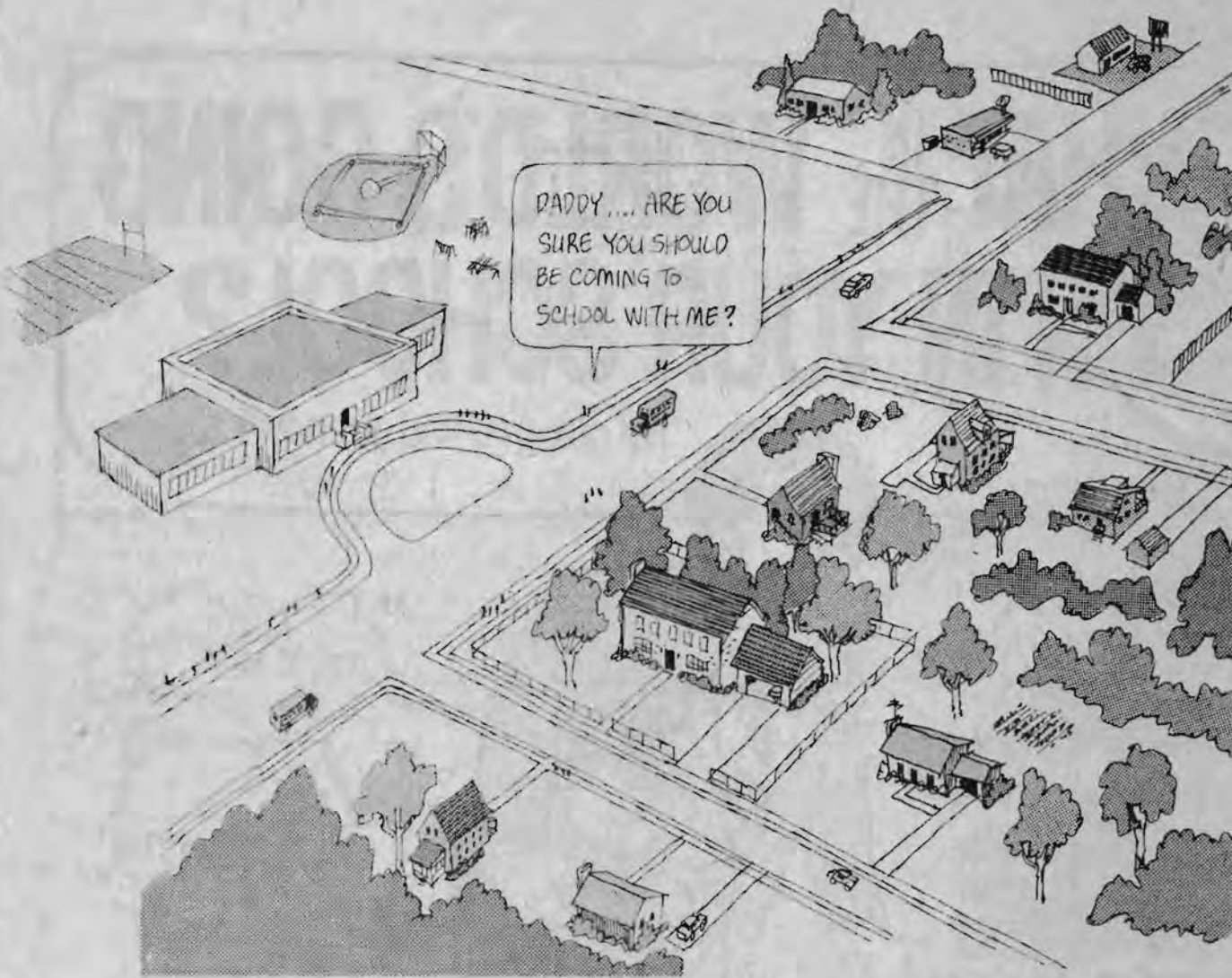


WHAT ^{IN THE} WORLD'S GOING ON IN YOUR SCHOOL?

I'm going to find out now!







"I MEAN THIS ARTICLE
IN THE MAY, 1984
READER'S DIGEST!"





I DIDN'T MEAN THAT! I MEAN THIS
ARTICLE TITLED "GUESS WHO
SPELLS DISASTER FOR
EDUCATION?"
the **NEA!**



NOW WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE
BARGING IN HERE WITH
A STUPID MAGAZINE AND
CRITICIZING ME AND MY
TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION!



I TAKE
PRIDE
IN MY JOB!



DO YOU TAKE PRIDE IN THESE FACTS
BROUGHT OUT IN THE ARTICLE?!!

LIKE WHAT?

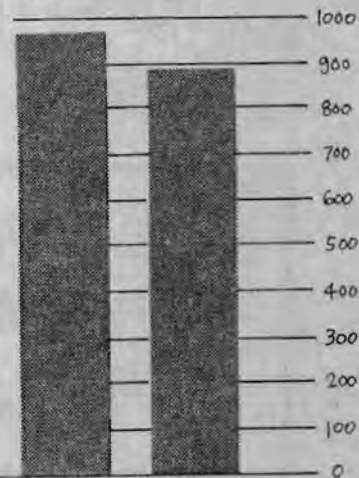


THAT'S ONLY
AN 87
POINT DROP.

"LIKE THE FACT THAT AVERAGE
COMBINED (MATH & VERBAL) S.A.T.
SCORES HAVE DROPPED FROM
980 TO 893! (AT THE SAME
TIME THAT WE'VE ADDED 522,000
TEACHERS FOR 1,100,000 LESS
STUDENTS!"

2

1963 1983



SAT SCORES

1. READER'S DIGEST, MAY, 1984, PAGE 89
2. READER'S DIGEST, MAY, 1984, PAGE 90

"OR HOW ABOUT THIS....

IN HOUSTON, IN 1983 **62%** OF
2437 TEACHERS TESTED **FAILED**
A STANDARD READING
SKILLS TEST."

3

NO FAIR!! THEY USED
SOME **THREE-SYLLABLE WORDS!!**



46% FLUNKED MATH and 26% FAILED WRITING!"

4

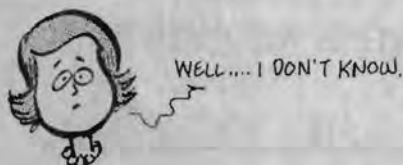


"MARY FUTRELL, NEA PRESIDENT, SAID, 'INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN ON THE BACK BURNER TO US, COMPARED TO POLITICAL ACTION'."

5

BUT THE ONLY REASON I BELONG TO THE NEA IS MY INSURANCE.
I THINK THE NEA REALLY DOES CARE ABOUT EDUCATING CHILDREN

"THEN HOW COME NEA OFFICIALS ARE
CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED TO TESTING OF
TEACHERS, TO MAKE SURE THE CHILDREN
ARE GETTING COMPETENT EDUCATION?"





"WELL, THEN YOU, AS A GOOD TEACHER, DESERVE MORE MONEY THAN A BAD TEACHER, NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU'VE BEEN TEACHING."

"IT SAYS RIGHT HERE, THAT IN 1983, THE TENNESSEE GOVERNOR TRIED TO PASS A LAW THAT COULD MEAN **BIG BONUSES** TO AS MANY AS A FOURTH OF THE STATE'S TEACHERS, SOME TEACHERS COULD MORE THAN **DOUBLE** THE PRESENT AVERAGE SALARY FOR 20-YEAR VETERANS."



6

"YOUR NEA UNION OFFICIALS ATTACKED THE PROGRAM WITH EVERYTHING THEY HAD! THEY KILLED THE IDEA IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE! THEY'RE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THEIR OWN TEACHERS.... THE UNION'S OWN POLL SHOWED THAT HALF OR MORE OF ALL TEACHERS FAVORED STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS FOR EVALUATING SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS."

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!!



8



I DIDN'T KNOW THEY BELIEVED THOSE THINGS. I'M CERTAINLY IN FAVOR OF MORE MONEY FOR GOOD TEACHERS... AND MAKING SURE TEACHERS ARE COMPETENT. NONE OF US ARE VERY POLITICAL....



I'M I'M CONFUSED.

LET'S STEP DOWN THE HALL TO MR SMITH'S ROOM. HE'S OUR NEA OFFICIAL AT THE SCHOOL IT'S HIS FREE PERIOD MAYBE HE CAN SHOW YOU.

MR. SMITH ?

YES?

AMERIKA IS AMERIKA
ONLY FOR THE RICH!

GAY RIGHTS
DANCE - FRI.
8 P.M.

PEACE AT
ANY PRICE!



MR. JENSEN HERE HAS COME TO
ME WITH SOME CONCERN ABOUT
THIS READER'S DIGEST ARTICLE
AND AFTER READING IT, I'M AFRAID
I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS OF MY OWN.



THE NEA IS RIGHT!!

WE **SHOULD** HAVE
HOMOSEXUAL
TEACHERS IN THE
CLASSROOM!

THERE **SHOULD**
BE GUN CONTROL!

THE NEA IS
OUR PROTECTOR!

.... AND **YOU**
SHOULD
SUPPORT
THEM!!

... AND WHAT RIGHT DO
YOU HAVE TO BE
HERE STIRRING UP
TROUBLE? YOU'RE
ONLY A **PARENT!**

THE CHILDREN
ARE OURS!



"WE KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT FOR EVERYONE!"

FOR EXAMPLE,...

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
HIRING OF HOMOSEXUALS AS
CLASSROOM TEACHERS. WE'VE
GOT TO GIVE THEM PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT FOR PAST DISCRIMINATION.

9



AFTER ALL, THEY HAVE A
LEGITIMATE ALTERNATIVE
LIFESTYLE.

CAN I BE THE
BOY'S ROOM
MONITOR?



BUT I BELIEVE THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS
IMMORAL! THEY CAN'T USE MY
DUES TO PROMOTE SUCH A LIFESTYLE!

WANNA BET?





MISS WILLIAMS IS QUALIFIED, CARING AND CONSCIENTIOUS. IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN THE NEA FOR THE INSURANCE AND IS UNAWARE OF THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THE UNION OFFICIALS. I WONDER HOW MANY TEACHERS ARE IN THE SAME BOAT? WAIT 'TIL SHE FINDS OUT THE REST OF THE STORY.... BOY, IS SHE GONNA BE UPSET!

That's easy....



THE NEA BELIEVES THAT STRICTER GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION IS NEEDED.... THE NEA SUPPORTS LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES FOR PROSCRIPTIVE CONTROLS ON THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF HANDGUNS. " 10

IT'S ALL HERE IN THE NEA HANDBOOK.

"WHAT'S IN THERE ABOUT REDUCING OUR TAXES?"

"THE NEA OPPOSES ANY EFFORT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION RESPECTING TAX LIMITATIONS (OR BALANCING) THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND THE INDEXING OF FUTURE INCOME TAX REVENUES." 11



ALSO... "THE NEA SHALL OPPOSE THE ADOPTION OF STATE INITIATIVES SIMILAR TO CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 13, THROUGH POLITICAL ACTION AND SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO STATES TO DEFEAT SIMILAR TAX RELIEF PROPOSALS." 12

LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT THAT NEA HANDBOOK!



"HOW ABOUT DRUGS?"

THE NEA "BELIEVES PRIVATE POSSESSION AND USE OF MARIJUANA SHOULD NOT CARRY CRIMINAL PENALTIES."¹³

"HOW ABOUT TUITION TAX CREDITS?"

"THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMENDS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NEA FOR ACTIVITIES TO DATE IN OPPOSING THE TUITION TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION."¹⁴

"HOW ABOUT VOLUNTARY SCHOOL PRAYER?"

"THE NEA OPPOSES THE IMPOSITION OF SECTARIAN PRACTICES [SUCH AS VOLUNTARY SCHOOL PRAYER OR CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS] IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM AND URGES ITS AFFILIATES TO DO THE SAME."¹⁵

"HOW ABOUT THE BIBLICAL CREATION STORY?"

"THE NEA WILL OPPOSE EFFORTS THAT WOULD HAVE SCIENCE CURRICULA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHICH INCLUDE SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH EVOLUTION."¹⁶

"THE NEA FURTHER BELIEVES THAT LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS THAT MANDATE THE TEACHING OF SO-CALLED 'CREATION SCIENCE' VIOLATE TEACHER AND STUDENTS RIGHTS."¹⁷

✿ NOTE: IF YOU DOUBT WHAT YOU'RE READING, WHY NOT ORDER YOUR OWN NEA HANDBOOK? SEND 10 (5 IF YOU'RE AN NEA MEMBER) TO: NEA PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY, P.O. BOX 509, WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06516.

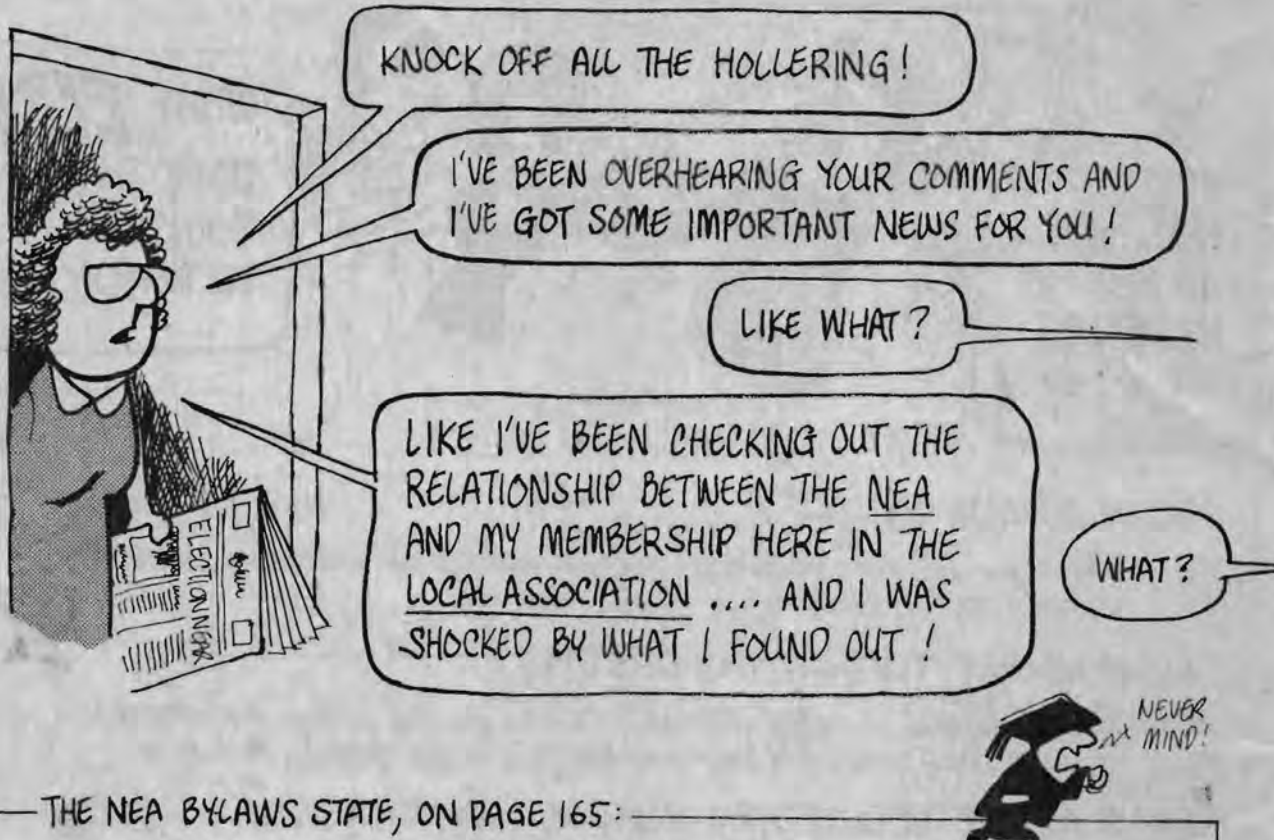
13. NEA HANDBOOK, 1982-83, PAGE 200

14. NEA HANDBOOK, 1978

15. NEA HANDBOOK, 1982-83, PAGE 232

16. NEA HANDBOOK, 1982-83, PAGE 252

17. NEA HANDBOOK, 1982-83, PAGE 217



THE NEA BYLAWS STATE, ON PAGE 165:

"THE NEA SHALL NOT AFFILIATE A LOCAL ASSOCIATION UNLESS IT ... REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEA AND ITS STATE AFFILIATE..."

and

"THE NEA SHALL NOT AFFILIATE A STATE ASSOCIATION UNLESS IT REQUIRES MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEA AND ITS LOCAL AFFILIATE...."

AND WHAT HAPPENS TO **YOUR** LOCAL DUES?



"THE BY-LAWS STATE THAT BOTH THE STATE ASSOCIATION AND ITS LOCAL AFFILIATES MUST TURN OVER MONEY COLLECTED FROM LOCAL TEACHERS TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION."



SO, YOU CAN'T CLAIM THAT YOUR SUPPORT **ONLY** YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION.... **YOUR DUES SUPPORT ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEA!** WHICH MAKES **YOU** FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT NEA OR LOCAL OFFICIALS DO!

WELL.... IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE RIGHT.... BUT, SO WHAT? ISN'T THERE A PLACE FOR A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS TO PROMOTE QUALITY EDUCATION?

RIGHT ON!
7



SURE

BUT IS THAT WHAT THE NEA AND ITS LOCAL AFFILIATES **REALLY** ARE?

THE NEA IS NO LONGER A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION. APPARENTLY, NEA OFFICIALS ARE EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT THAT, BECAUSE OF TEACHER STRIKES, THE IRS AND A FEDERAL COURT HAVE RULED THAT NEA'S LEGAL STATUS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THAT OF A **LABOR UNION!**

18



"SHUT UP! WE KNOW BEST!! JUST GIVE US THE MONEY!!



WAIT A MINUTE! JUST WHAT DOES HAPPEN TO THE DUES THAT WE PAY TO THE NEA AND LOCAL AFFILIATES?

AH HA! THAT'S WHERE I CAN HELP YOU!



3.1%

OF THE NEA BUDGET GOES
TOWARD INSTRUCTION AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

WELL.... THE BULK OF IT WAS FOR
ORGANIZING, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AND POLITICAL ACTION.

19

3.1%??!

WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE OTHER 96.9%??!



WHAT YOU OBVIOUSLY FEEL IS "EDUCATION"
IS NOT WHAT WE BELIEVE IS "EDUCATION"!



WE WANT TO TEACH AND HAVE CHILDREN LEARN!

YOU SEEM TO BE ONLY INTERESTED
IN SELF-SERVING POLITICAL POWER!

"IN FACT, THE NEA PAST PRESIDENT, JOHN RYOR, BOASTED:
'WE WILL BECOME THE FOREMOST POLITICAL
POWER IN THE NATION!'"

20

ARE NEA OFFICIALS OUT-OF-TOUCH WITH MAINSTREAM AMERICAN CITIZENS? LET'S SEE....

ISSUE	AVERAGE CITIZEN'S STAND	NEA'S STAND	YOUR STAND
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR HOMOSEXUAL TEACHERS ²¹	AGAINST	FOR	
TUITION TAX CREDITS ²²	FOR	AGAINST	
VOLUNTARY PRAYER IN SCHOOLS ²³	FOR	AGAINST	
TEACHER COMPETENCY TESTING ²⁴	FOR	AGAINST	
MERIT PAY FOR TEACHERS ²⁵	FOR	AGAINST	
TAX FUNDING OF ABORTIONS ²⁶	AGAINST	FOR	
STRICTER GUN CONTROL LAWS ²⁷	AGAINST	FOR	
EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (E.R.A.) ²⁸	AGAINST	FOR	
DRAFTING WOMEN INTO THE MILITARY ²⁹	AGAINST	FOR	
SOCIALIZED MEDICINE ³⁰	AGAINST	FOR	
DECRIMINALIZE MARIJUANA	AGAINST	FOR	

I DON'T AGREE WITH THEM AT ALL!

AND I DON'T BELIEVE MANY OF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL'S TEACHERS DO EITHER!

21. NEA HANDBOOK, '82-'83, PG. 221

22. NEA HANDBOOK, 1978

23. NEA HANDBOOK, '82-'83, PG. 232

24. READER'S DIGEST, MAY '84, PG. 93

25. READER'S DIGEST, MAY '84, PG. 93

26. NEA HANDBOOK, '81-'82, PG. 234

27. NEA HANDBOOK, '81-'83, PG. 236

28. NEA HANDBOOK, '82-'83, PG. 254

29. NEA HANDBOOK, '82-'83, PG. 245

30. NEA HANDBOOK, '81-'83, PG. 245





THEN WHAT
CAN WE DO?



THAT'S EASY!

FIRST OF ALL....

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON NOV. 6th!

REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL ON THE ISSUES, YOU CAN'T ALLOW WELL-ORGANIZED NEA UNION OFFICIALS TO DICTATE HOW YOU VOTE!

NEXT....

REALIZE THAT WHEN THE NEA SPECIAL INTEREST LABELS CANDIDATES AS "ANTI-EDUCATION", THAT CANDIDATE MIGHT JUST HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION ON WHAT "EDUCATION" MEANS. THAN THE NEA SPECIAL INTEREST.

FINALLY....

WATCH FOR CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY THE NEA. ASK THEM IF THEY AGREE WITH THE NEA ON THE HIRING OF SELF-PROCLAIMED HOMOSEXUALS, OR ON OPPOSITION TO VOLUNTARY SCHOOL PRAYER, ON TAX-FUNDED ABORTION, DRAFTING OF WOMEN, ON LEGALIZING MARIJUANA, ETC..

THEY'RE OUR CHILDREN! IT'S OUR TAX DOLLARS AND SCHOOLS! IT'S TIME TO ASK CANDIDATES THE HARD QUESTIONS! REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6th!



DRAT!
T

PUBLISHED BY
VOX POP
RON RANKIN, PUBLISHER
800 Hull Rd., Kidd Island Bay
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
(208) 664-9993

PRODUCED BY
DICK HAER, THE COMICS COMMANDO
301/577-7036

VOX POP

VOX POP #1 • THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE • SEPTEMBER 1984

For documented details on the IEA/NEA Union
VOX POP Reprint Series #1 is available for 50¢
from: VOX POP — 800 Hull Rd., Kidd Island Bay,
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. Phone (208) 664-9993