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Fed. Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr.
Mayor Kevin H. White

Dear Sirs:

I would like to know why Boston or any other city, town or hamlet in the U. S. would feel that they do not have to integrate their schools as the south has had to do. Oh, yes, we had U. S. Marshalls, national guardsmen and police seeing to it that we integrated. There was blood shed at Little Rock, Mississippi and many other places. We had to buy busses even tho we did not have the money for this. This year we have spent \$350,000 more for busses while other things more important have to go to pot.

I am very glad that others have got to go through the same as the South had to suffer. I am not saying this to be "nasty" but it isn't fair that the south has to send their children to the nigger schools to nigger teachers that can't speak the language so that the white children can understand them. If the nigger children can't learn under the nigger teachers how does anyone expect the whites to learn? It isn't helping the whites nor the blacks to be sent across town unless the TEACHER has the knowledge to teach. Also the blacks are like the people of the jungles in many cases. My granddaughter has been going to a private school up to this year - she is 15 now - and her mother thought about putting her in a public school so she can get adjusted to the blacks in high school, so my daughter went to talk with one of the teachers and she said many disturbing things to her. She said no girl was allowed to go to the toilet by herself and that she takes the girls in her class, all at the same time, only once a day. There are police in the halls and still there are fights, knife-cuttings, rapes going to and from schools - those withing walking distances. Hanging coats in the same coat closets causes lice on many clean children, and the talk in the halls is not fit for anyone's ears and the rubbing against and fondling in crowded halls seems to be normal, that is for the animals of the jungles. *She is not going to ~~public~~ public school.*

I hope that some days this nation will wake up and see that this horrible mistake must end for little as well as older children. The parents have no say so about their children from kindergarten thru college. These numbskulls in schools and colleges can get diplomas but not able to read a word on them. How can they expect to hold down a job - and who wants to have to take them on and pay out good money for NOTHING?

Yours truly

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Boston busing: death wish?

Boston's school situation has gone from bad to worse, aggravated by judicial obstinacy, official insensitivity and individual stupidity.

The South Boston High School complex, scheduled to reopen this week, was ordered to remain closed by Boston school officials because no one could assure them there wouldn't be massive violence at the reopened school. There were rumors of "hit" lists in the air, and memories of the stabbing that set off the latest round of violence were still vivid.

Boston, under a court order in which some 18,000 of the city's 87,000 students are being bused, will soon face a new busing plan which will double the number of bused children. The reasons for busing on such massive scale haven't been made clear.

We have supported limited busing in the past under special circumstances. It has become clear that those special circumstances do not exist in Boston, and that the new plan threatening to send the Boston system into turmoil is close to an administrative death wish.

William Raspberry, who can hardly be called a foe of busing, wrote recently in *The Washington Post* that "it is hard to see what anybody hopes to gain by busing his children into South Boston High."

Lee Daniels, a colleague of Mr. Rasp-

berry and a young black, took the columnist to task, charging that the rationale of busing in Boston is evident only to those who have closely observed the Boston integration-segregation scene for the past few years. Mr. Daniels' rationale boiled down to this: The black plaintiffs of Boston, increasingly frustrated by the unresponsiveness of the all-white Boston School Committee, resorted to busing "as a means of making the school committee responsive to them and as a means of improving the quality of education in all city schools by stripping the school committee of its shield of bigotry."

See how simple it is, once you are on the inside? A group of blacks, abetted by ivory-tower judges, want to attract the attention of the school commission through the dubious means of busing. It's a bit like the tale of the reluctant donkey: First you have to get his attention by smacking him on the head with a two-by-four. It may seem a bit violent, but you do get his attention.

Boston blacks have been the victims of both *de facto* and *de jure* segregation. But one has to ask if the city hasn't missed by nearly ten years the point at which some reasonable busing plan might have worked. The sins of the past cannot always be washed away by the schemes of the present, particularly when they create the enmity on both sides of the racial fence that the Boston busings plans have.