

FOR WHOM DOES THE BELL TOLL?

The recently elected school committee favor private and parochial schools. They approve run down public school buildings in Roxbury, Dorchester, South End and Allston. They allow poor conditions for public school teachers. They shrewdly exploit the fact that many Bostonians do not intend to send their children to public schools.

The Hicks-O'Connor-Lee-Eisenstadt-McDonough viewpoint is not new. The big banks in State St. and Wall St. hate real public education. The big insurance companies like Prudential demand less money for public schools so they can have huge tax rebates. The Roman Catholic hierarchy, always at the service of the big capitalists and financiers, talks love and the ecumenical spirit, but in practice it serves the rich and destroys the schools of the poor, including the Catholic poor.

The present school committee are undertakers slightly disguised. The bell tolls for public education in Boston.

Mrs. Hicks talks of the school that is attended by mostly Chinese. It is not so easy for her to push the Chinese around since China, except for Taiwan, is now a country free of oppression by foreign imperialism. As the Afro-American people destroy U.S. imperialism in the South, as Afro-American nationhood and self-determination is established there, black children here will also be more respected.

Some claim integration is the answer. Can black children integrate with children whose parents voted 64% for Mrs. Hicks? Can the present school committee supervise proper studies on Afro-American history? Hasn't this school committee suppressed Irish history and Ireland's struggle for freedom? What will they not do for a few dollars? How can they teach Afro-American history with their white supremacist textbooks?

No oppressors ever "integrated" with the oppressed. Integration is propaganda used by Johnson and U.S. imperialism in order to sneak up on oppressed people and gun them down as in Mississippi, the Congo, Dominican Republic and Viet Nam.

Unity of black and white peoples can be achieved only on the basis of equality in all fields including education. There is no equality without power. As long as Mrs. Hicks and her owners have all the money and guns then they are strong. Remove this power and they'll collapse.

DEMAND POWER IN OUR COMMUNITY!

AFRO-AMERICAN SCHOOLS WITH AN AFRO-AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPALS!

END THE WRECKING OF SCHOOLS IN BOSTON--KEEP THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE OUT OF AFRO-AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOODS!

FOR AN AFRO-AMERICAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN THE AFRO-AMERICAN AREA!

NECESSARY FUNDS FROM MRS. HICKS FOR USE BY AN AFRO-AMERICAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE!

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