

## Editorial

### Not the bus route to go

THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS in Congress rejected a resolution last week that would have forced action within 30 days on a constitutional amendment to prohibit court-ordered school busing.

The reaction among hard-core foes of busing in Massachusetts was predictable.

Rep. Raymond L. Flynn (D-South Boston) said "Congress has turned its back on the people who look to it to provide the nation with enlightened leadership."

Boston City Councilor Louise Day Hicks, herself a former member of Congress, blamed AFL-CIO President George Meany, accusing him of equating positive action on the proposed amendment as a vote against labor.

And Chairman John J. McDonough of the Boston School Committee said, suburban legislators will be hearing soon from their constituents.

Nevertheless, it is doubtful that the action by the Democratic caucus in Congress can be interpreted as in favor of forced busing.

BUSING of pupils away from their own districts in order to achieve racial integration in the public schools has many obvious flaws. It presupposes that integration is simply a numbers game, which is far from the case. Worse than that, it kindles the kind of hatred and violence boiling now in South Boston and Charlestown.

But it was ordered by the courts, not as the ideal solution to the problem of equality of

education, but because school authorities were doing nothing to achieve that equality.

If some semblance of good will could be demonstrated in areas where racial differences exist, better means of achieving integration in the schools could be devised and the busing order could be repealed.

It doesn't require the massive machinery of a constitutional amendment to accomplish that end.

THOSE WHO voted to reject the resolution are not necessarily in favor of school busing. Nor did all foes of busing see the defeat of the resolution as a real setback.

State Sen. William Bulger (D-South Boston) perceived, for example, that many supporters of anti-busing legislation "would not go the constitutional amendment route. They prefer to support statutory changes. In fact, legislation is being put together at this moment which offers real chances for success."

And Rep. Peter W. Rodino (D-N.J.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said "As a matter of policy, I believe the Constitution of the United States should be amended as a last resort, to deal with issues that cannot be resolved in any other way, on which there is a substantial national consensus."

The school busing question is certainly a highly emotional issue. However, if all emotional issues were dealt with by constitutional amendments, constitutional government would soon be a shambles. The Democratic Caucus chose the wiser route.



"WHO'S THE FRESHEST FACE OF ALL? HELLO-HELLO? YOU LISTENING TO ME?"

## Letters to The Transcript

### Ford favors rich while cutting to whack the poor

"Taxes should hurt" says the reactionary politician and then like Ronald Reagan he pays as little as possible so that they only hurt the other fellow. President Ford is of the same philosophy. He believes that the kind of taxes which hurt too much are the corporate income taxes and he proposes lowering them below the already ridiculous level at which they are currently being paid.

While Ford gives lip service to lowering the individual income group he proposes doing nothing for the poor except cutting back on the programs which make it possible to survive in the present Nixon-Ford recession with inflation. In other words we can cut middle class income taxes if we give up food stamps or free lunches for school children or federal aid to education or anything which will help the people. At the same time Ford and his mental midgits of economic advisers propose lowering taxes once again for corporations.

According to the corporate tax study for 1974 conducted by Congressman Vanik and reported in the Congressional Record of Oct. 7, 1975 the average corporate which is supposed to be paying federal income taxes at the 48 per cent rate is getting through enough loopholes to pay only 22.6 per cent to the Government. That means the workers must pay more. But even worse is the fact that eight companies with net profits of \$343,974,000 paid no income tax at all. In addition, there were 18 corporations which earned more than \$5,322,883,000 (that's over \$5 billion friends) and paid less than 10 per cent in taxes. There's another reason why workers pay more.

While it is true that many of the corporations have been convicted of illegal campaign contributions or have admitted being involved in bribing foreign countries, what they are doing with their non-payment of U.S. taxes seems to be legal. Immoral yes, but illegal no.

And now comes the supreme insult despite this deplorable level of corporate non-tax payment. The Ford administration is pushing hard for new and additional tax breaks for big business. Who will make up the difference? Well, if corporate taxes are reduced and the taxes of those earning \$15,000 to \$50,000 are lowered, there is only the worker left. Either they will pay more or other Ford proposals will prevail. He and his advisers want to reduce the pay for Government employees. They want to cut back on Social Security payments to the aged, already so low as to be a disgrace.

They want to increase the amount each medicare recipient has to pay before being able to receive medical assistance. They want to cut back on food stamps. Everywhere Ford wants to cut is a whack at the poor.

But what is one to expect? Who contributes to Republican campaign funds? Ford has made a choice. He has chosen the rich. The workers have a choice. They can change administrations in 1976.

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### Looking forward to birth, thanks to Lamaze method

The average woman, expecting a baby, especially her first, is usually so apprehensive and frightened at the prospects of giving birth that fear overcomes the excitement she once felt.

On one hand you have the woman who dreads thinking, talking or reading anything about the birth process. These women remain afraid until after their baby is born.

On the other hand you have the woman who says, "There must be something I can do to help myself have an easier labor and delivery." And there is. Along with their husbands they prepare themselves for the work they have ahead of them and are later able to look back on the birth of their child as the most exciting time they have ever shared.

Most women have heard of The Lamaze Method of Prepared Childbirth, but for those women who have not, I am hoping this letter will do so. The Lamaze method is not natural childbirth. The process of conditioning your mind and body to respond to certain stimuli while you are in labor is quite unnatural. Because of this conditioning, as your labor advances and your needs change you can automatically work with your body in the most effective way possible. It does not claim to be painless childbirth, to quote Mrs. Pat Adelson, the instructor of Lamaze in North Adams, "It is labor, probably the hardest work

you will ever have to do."

I can only say through my own experience that before I started my classes I had read, "Thank You, Dr. Lamaze" by Marjorie Karmel, (if you read this book remember it was written in 1959. Since then attitudes of the doctors and hospitals in the U.S. have changed greatly.) After reading this book I had hope and confidence in myself and the Lamaze method. It seemed like an eternity until I could start my classes which is about eight weeks from your due date.

When my husband and I went to our first class we were not at all disappointed. Mrs. Adelson's enthusiasm over the beauty of birth and her evident love of nature was totally inspiring. In her classes you will learn the entire process of birth, from conception to nourishing your child after he or she is born.

Knowing what is happening to you, what to expect and especially how to relax and use your body during labor to the advantage of you and your baby, makes the Lamaze technique every bit worth the practice and time you must spend in preparation.

Because of my experiences with the Lamaze method I can look forward to the birth of my second child in the spring full of excitement and confidence instead of dread and fear. For this I am truly grateful.

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### W'mstown Theatre still needs money

I was very pleased to read in a recent news story that the Berkshire Playhouse Emergency Repair Fund

exceeded its \$15,000 goal by \$5,000. Congratulations to all those south county workers who made this success possible.

So far the fund drive for the Williamstown Theatre Festival has raised approximately \$25,000 of its \$40,000 goal. Of the several hundred individual and business contributions that came in, many were accompanied by heart-warming letters of support. The drive is still very much on and we regard the necessity of raising at least another \$5,000 as vital. If you plan to help us but have not yet had an opportunity, we would appreciate your doing so by the end of the month when we close the books on our 1975 season. Any size contribution would be very welcome.

Besides being an important cultural asset and attraction, the Williamstown Theatre makes a significant contribution to the economy of the area. The community needs us and we need you.

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### And by the way

## Tradition of carving

By Maynard Leahey

ALTHOUGH ROAST BEEF, goose, duck, venison, or even fish may grace some tables this Thursday, there isn't much doubt that turkey will provide the main course at most Thanksgiving Day tables.

Incidentally, this is a curious tradition. No evidence exists anywhere to support the idea that turkey was on the menu at the first Thanksgiving Day back there in 1621 at Plymouth.

In fact, the only written account of the feast that has survived, a letter from a colonist to a relative in England, told of the deer and bear meat, goose, duck, and fish that was consumed, but made no mention whatever of turkey.

Nevertheless, Thanksgiving Day and turkey are as firmly matched in the mind as ham and

eggs, pancakes and syrup, Mutt and Jeff, and other famous pairs, and the tradition certainly will be upheld this week.

THE PRESENCE of roast turkey on the menu, however, means that another tradition will have to be renewed. The bird will have to be carved. If the roasting is essential, so, too, is the carving. No better way has been devised yet of getting the product to the ultimate consumer.

Some annual remarks about the ritual always are warranted, even if only to remind perennial bunglers of the perils ahead.

For example, some insist on making a ritual of the operation. They want it to be a performance staged at the table, in full view of all the guests.

That presents dangers. There is a case on record of a clumsy carver who bore down too hard with the knife and caused the turkey to skid off the platter and across the table and into the lap of an in-law he had wanted to impress (the carver, that is, not the turkey.)

Carving in the kitchen may not be as entertaining, but is more prudent. Blunders will be less apparent.

A POPULAR THEORY, or at least a common theory, is that the first step in carving is to slice away first one leg (of the turkey, of course) and then the other.

That usually can be accomplished without major disaster, but one important

point should be borne in mind. Indeed, careful advance thought should be given to it. That is, you should know what to do with the turkey's leg after you have severed it from the body.

You can place it on the platter beside the turkey. That's the logical move, of course, but you had better make sure that there is room for it. Nothing is quite as embarrassing and looks more ludicrous than a man standing with a knife in one hand, a turkey leg in the other, and a baffled expression on his face.

As a matter of fact, the best advice for a prospective carver is to have not one, but two turkeys prepared and to use one of them for practice.

Otherwise, the best suggestion is to have someone else do the carving.