

Thousands demonstrate in Boston as Ford orders review of forced busing

BOSTON (AP) — About 7,000 protesters marched through South Boston and almost all of the white students boycotted the neighborhood high school Monday in the first major anti-busing demonstration since schools opened last month.

The white demonstrators walked down Broadway, the

main street in the working-class Irish neighborhood, behind a flag-draped coffin labelled Freedom is Dead and a car with loudspeakers playing the song Southie is My Home Town.

Meanwhile, President Ford ordered the justice department and the health, education and welfare department

to "extensively review" alternatives to forced busing to achieve school integration.

Senator John Tower Rep. Tex. said he met with Ford Monday and the president "agreed with me that forced busing to achieve racial balance is counterproductive."

At South Boston high school, only three white

pupils showed up for class. The racially-troubled school has a projected enrolment of 785 whites and 432 blacks, but far fewer than that ordinarily attend.

There were 338 whites in school on Friday.

Attendance was also off sharply at Charlestown high school, but only schools in

those two neighborhoods appeared to be affected by the boycott, called by neighborhood anti-busing leaders.

The demonstration was the largest since one that attracted 3,000 people to City Hall Plaza Sept. 7 — the day before school opened under a federal desegregation order.

Police doubled their usual

forces in South Boston for the march Monday.

Authorities said 107 black students were transported to the school by bus Monday, slightly less than the usual level and well below the number assigned there.

Police reported no serious incidents.

The marchers, mostly women and teenagers, listened to speeches at a rally at a park on the edge of Boston Harbor.

"We are letting the people of America know that we will not sit still for the government to take away our basic parental rights," said state

Senator William Bulger. "We will fight, and we will never, never quit."

"Our enemies can go straight to hell," he said.

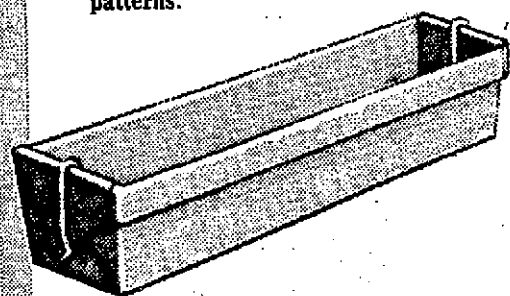
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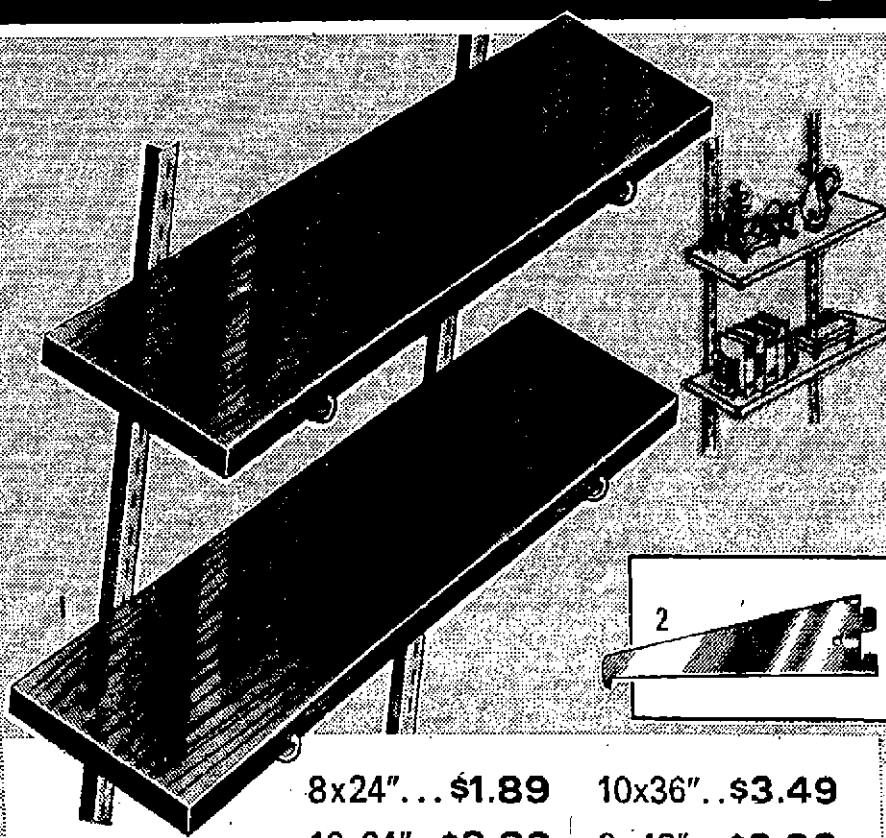
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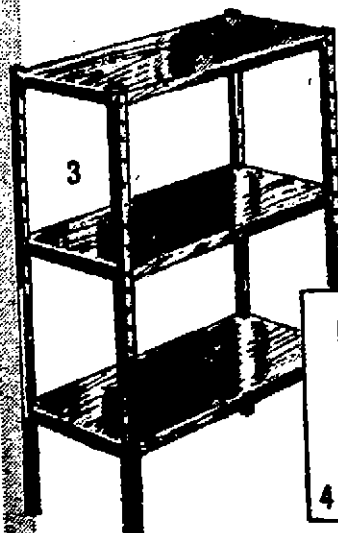


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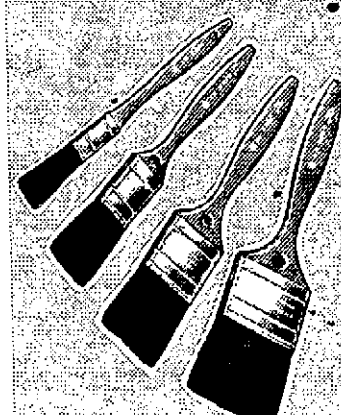
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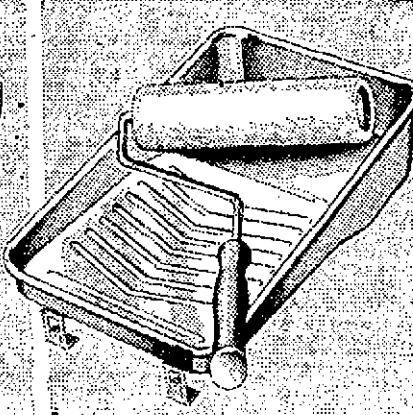
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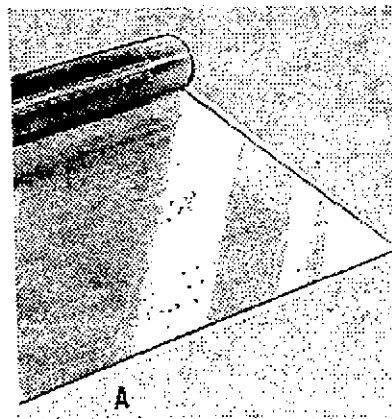
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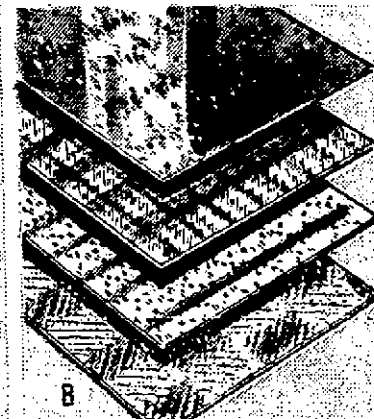


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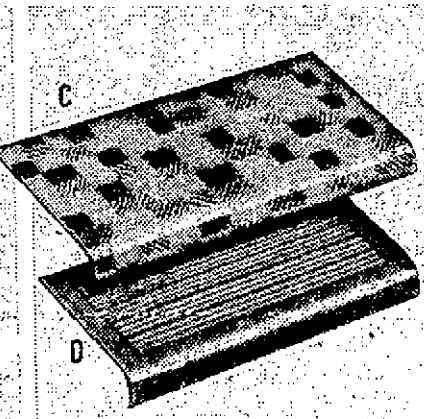
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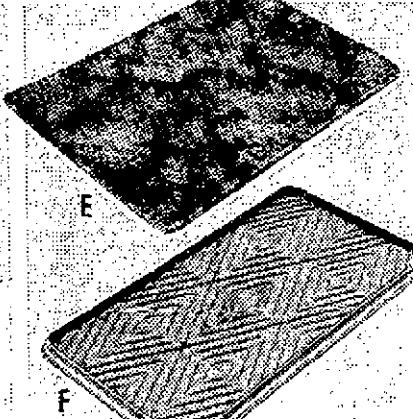


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