

Perhaps it is about time that South Boston paid the kind of Tribute to Joe Moakley that he so richly deserves. While South Boston undergoes the most drastic and violent period since the Revolutionary War, Cong. Moakley bides his time in Washington D.C., rubbing elbows with the most liberal congressional delegation ever seated by Mass. Voters.

I do not wish to implicate the Honorable Congressman in any devious Plots simply because he is seated with Robert Drinan. Or because Tip O'Neil, who did not have time to talk to 35 South Boston residents who travelled to Washington D.C. to see him. Congressman Moakley can stand on his own record of action of service to the District he represents.

Since Sept. of 1974, Congressman Moakley has been a "do nothing" representative for the South Boston District. Knowing full well the voters of Southie would not let their "favorite son" down no one dared oppose him for his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives during the last election. Can it be possible that good old Joe thinks he was elected forever ...

During a large disturbance on Dorchester St., in South Boston A black man managed to somehow get through the Police lines, in his car, and become caught up in a very emotional crowd. He was stoned by some white men and hit with a stick. He was then escorted out of the crowd by a policeman. Congressman Moakley made sure that this victim received medical attention, the following day an ambulance was sent, at Moakley's request, to the man's home so he could go to the hospital, more than 24 hrs. after he was "injured" not satisfied yet, he tried to have awarded to this man \$10,000 of State tax payers money, and he arranged for a new job for the man's wife.

On Dec. 11, 1974 Michael Faith was brutally and viciously stabbed inside of South Boston High School lying close to death in the hospital was he accorded the same concern by the Honorable Joe Moakley....Can we afford \$10,000 for this white victim whose wounds were so apparent....

That same day, people were trampled by horses and run down by motorcycles but Cong. Moakley remained silent. He did not rush to the aid of white South Bostonians, no speeches about the brutality by police came from "Southie's own."

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Again and again the horses and motorcycles came back to South Boston - helicopters hovered overhead, police by the hundreds lined our streets, but our Representative was conspicuously silent.

This silence has not been reserved for the victims of brutality alone but has been expanded to encompass the whole scope of victims under Forced Busing. In Congress, Joe has said, "I voted against forced busing every time." True, but it is not enough to just say "nay" once or twice a year. We need a daily voice crying out in the halls of Congress about the injustice of our plight. Joe Moakley is a whisper. We need a Hurricane to blow this deplorable situation out to sea, Joe Moakley is a summer breeze to lull us to sleep.

In Roxbury rioting is occurring, whites are being stoned and beaten by blacks daily. A young doctor from B.C.H. lies close to death, suffering multiple trauma and depressed skull fractures from a baseball bat beating he received from a gang of blacks during this riot. Did Joe visit his bedside...No, Joe visited Elma Lewis, to hear complaints by the leaders of the riots, the ones who did the beating. Did Cong. Moakley speak out against this vicious act perpetrated against this 24 yr. old healer of the sick...No, Cong. Moakley spoke out against an M.D.C. police officer who, in the line of duty during a riot at Carson Beach, by Black agitators incited by Thomas Atkins and the N.A.A.C.P., ran into a black rioter with his motorcycle.

Cong. Joe Moakley called M.D.C. Comm. Snedeker by phone, asking for the policeman's suspension and a full investigation. Double standards appease the blacks at all costs..I say unequivocally, Yes...

Joe Moakley has alligned himself with Sen. Ed Brooke, Comm. Robert DiGrazia, Thomas Atkins, Elma Lewis, Mel King, Bill Owens, P.L.P., C.A.R. and a band of rioters in Roxbury.

Ask yourself, can Joe Moakley still claim to be a true representative of your community....

As for me, the name of John Joseph Moakley can never mean "Southies Own" again. Next election, South Boston should pay tribute to Joe Moakley at the Polls and lay him to rest beside Question #7. Unity is strength, and a weak sister cannot be a leader.....