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To: The Mayor of the City of Boston.

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If any accolades are truly to be accorded any group, they must honestly be given to Boston's well behaved and law abiding Black Community for the way they contributed to the success of Boston School Desegregation last week.

Conversely, if any blame, or shame is to be accorded any group of people in Boston last week, that blame and shame must rightfully and honestly be conferred on South Boston's Irish Community for the stupid manner in which they consistently tried to thwart Boston School Integration through their racist tactics.

Ironically these very same people from South Boston, who were calling little Black Children "niggers" and "animals" were themselves displayed for The Nation to see, as the true niggers and animals in the drama. Have they no shame, or are they just too ignorant to comprehend?

I personally think enough time has been spent trying to "molly-coddle" a group of people (South Boston Irish), who disdainfully refuse humane efforts to make them become Good Citizens (for certainly they are not)-----a group of people which shows time and time again with the same inane rudeness (under the far from subtle race baiting leadership of Louise Day Hicks and other racist oriented politicians) that it intends to break the law, if that is what it believes it should do, and that it could care less "who" gets hurt in the process especially if the "who" is Black.

It appears that the once "tormented" who could not even get in the back door of Boston City Hall (Yankees vs. Irish), have now decided to adopt the same dastardly role as their former tormentors did.

I've listened to many plaudits bestowed upon the so-called well behaved element that did not resort to violence during the first week of integration.

If in fact the majority of South Boston's community believes that it should obey the law regardless of personal feeling, then that so-called "well-behaving" group is long overdue in taking the active leadership necessary to show "the unruly element" in their community the Error of Its Ways.

This may come as a shock to you Mr. Mayor, but two major things were blatantly apparent in the cruel and bestial "shananigans" of South Boston's non-lace curtain Irish last week.

1. Adults from 20 to 80 yrs. of age (obviously including grandparents) were inducing younger people --babies in some cases-- from 4 yrs. of age through 19 to assist them in disobedience to the law by ordering them not to go to school ----to boycott instead for the cause.
2. The other thing that I'm sure was starkly apparent to anybody who witnessed the actual or T.V. accounts of the "rowdy bunch", (And you, Mr. Mayor, as the leader of a municipality once renowned for the highest quality of education, should be most interested in this) was that the "bunch" itself was pathetically in need of re-education, or a completion of the education they certainly must have stopped at about the six grade level.

This must certainly have been somewhat of an embarrassment to the better educated Irish People, who usually handle the English language much better than the "Rowdies" they allowed to represent them.

You know Mr. Mayor, all facetiousness aside, integration of Boston's schools would not only benefit poor Browns, Blacks, Reds and Yellows, but the White Minority (and I'm speaking specifically about the poor Irish of this town) would in fact, gain more from such a union than they could possibly have imagined in all their Wildest Irish Dreams.

I think, here, that your role as mayor has been passable, but that political purposes notwithstanding, you need to exert a more active leadership in turning the wild and unruly South Boston element around.

AFTER ALL MR. MAYOR, ITS YOUR CITY, or is it?

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