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"There is no hope for the satisfied man." **FREDERICK G. BONFILS**

Teacher Finds Needless Chaos

To The Denver Post:

AN OPEN LETTER to the "liberal" faction of the Denver Public Schools Board of Education.

(The author's remarks stem from his 20 years of teaching in the Denver Schools, particularly at George Washington High School)

Dear Board Members:

Your vendetta against the superintendent does not reflect the actions of responsible public officials. Our school system is relatively peaceful; integration is proceeding effectively; teachers now worry about student needs instead of their own; the various administrators downtown are conscientious, cost conscious and responsible; our comprehensive high schools are more truly sensitive to a broad spectrum of students needs than they used to be; and the flight to the suburbs has seemed to peak.

I felt like a member of a winning team working with an understanding superintendent, a supportive administration, and up to now a school board that had Denver's interest at heart.

We all know that Denver is short of money to run its schools. I couldn't even

get the system to purchase a book (\$8.75) that one of my students needed to construct a computer model of an ecological system. The money you will squander (\$75,000) to buy back the superintendent's contract is unconscionable under our present budgetary problems.

I always thought of myself as a liberal. Now, however, the label is tainted with malfeasance and parochial interests. It would be better if the four of you would rename your philosophical orientation so that those of us working to make integration successful do not have to deal with the chaos you needlessly manufactured.

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