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"My People Are Destroyed For Lack Of Knowledge" HOSEA 4:6

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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide knowledge for parents and educators who want to save the children of America from the destructive forces that endanger them. Our children in the public schools are at grave risk in 4 ways: academically, spiritually, morally, and physically — and only a well-informed public will be able to reduce those risks.  
"Without vision, the people perish."

## Futrell Boasts of NEA Political Power and Chooses Dukakis

Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association, left no doubt in anyone's mind as to what the NEA would be doing in the next few months: getting Michael Dukakis elected President of the United States.

In her address to the delegates at the NEA convention in New Orleans on July 4, Mrs. Futrell said:

"I have met with the candidates, I have reviewed their positions on matters important to our members and to the education of our children. Based on my reviews I have decided that the most electable and desirable candidate is Michael Dukakis.  
. . . .

"I did not come to this decision lightly or easily, but I am very confident it is the right decision for NEA.

"The son of a teacher, a teacher himself, Governor Dukakis understands and embodies the link between education and the American dream. . . .

"As Governor, Michael Dukakis has supported, with both money and imagination, school reform programs, teacher excellence funds, quality child care efforts, and new anti-drug alliances. . . . And most of all, he understands that if we are to succeed in that effort, the federal government must join us as a full partner, not a silent partner.

"Our job now is to help elect this kind of person. Our job is to turn out the vote of every one of our 1.9 million members. To get information out to each of them, to get each of them involved. It is the most critical battle you and I have faced in the struggle for our children, the struggle for America's future. . . .

"Fortunately, we have an effective weapon in our struggle on behalf of children. That weapon is our political power. We have worked so hard, we have come so far. We have succeeded in building one of the most powerful political networks in the nation. There are now literally thousands of organized and motivated NEA members in each congressional district in America.

"Starting today, we are going to completely mobilize that network, and we are not going to rest until midnight, November 8, 1988."

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