

# The Blumenfeld Education Letter

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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."

## Why The Communists Love the NEA's Political Program

The National Education Association's (NEA) convention in Louisville in July was given a glowing review in the US Communist Party's newspaper, People's Daily World (July 16, 1986). Denise Winebrenner, the reporter, wrote:

"This year NEA political action focuses on a campaign to defeat the Reaganites in the November congressional elections.

"The NEA is a 1.8-million-member union representing public school teachers, professors, and school support personnel, the largest union in the country....

"The 8,500 delegates committed to the NEA to work in coalition with other unions and organizations 'which advocate a redirecting of national priorities in order to build a movement for funding education.'

"Marjorie Spirer, a delegate from Maryland, pointed out, 'redirecting national priorities means spending money on books, not bombs. For example, for the cost of one B-1 bomber, 16,000 new teachers could be hired next year at a

starting wage of \$25,000 a year.'

"The convention also empowered the NEA Board of Directors to endorse presidential candidates during the primaries, ensuring their input in the selection process....

"According to the NEA handbook on political action, 'Advancing NEA's Legislative Agenda for the 100th Congress,' the union averages 4,000 members in each of the 435 congressional districts. Organized in Congressional Contact Teams (CCT), NEA members lobby their representatives in Washington and at home.

"The CCTs have at least two members in each congressional district appointed by state (NEA) presidents with concurrence of state association boards of directors, (who) are trained, coordinated, and briefed at the state, regional, and national levels. They provide a well-informed and dedicated cadre of grassroots lobbyists who complement the efforts of full-time Washington-based and regional staffs. CCT members also play a key role in serving as contact persons for incumbents running for reelection by helping to re-