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THE NEA'S HIDDEN AGENDA

The National Education Association (NEA) publishes an "Annual" -- a sort of yearbook summarizing the year's activities and setting forth the organization's goals. The 1984 Annual proudly proclaims at the beginning that its credo since 1857 has been "To elevate the character and advance the interests of the profession of teaching and to promote the cause of popular education in the United States."

That's a noble cause. The Annual's other 185 pages, however, spell out the NEA's hidden agenda, and it is hard to see how it promotes the credo's goals. Most Americans would be shocked to read the official Resolutions adopted at the NEA's last convention and its "legislative program," as published in the Annual.

The NEA supports forced busing to achieve racial integration. Resolution H-2 demands forced integration in the public schools through Affirmative Action, geographic realignment, pairing of schools, grade pairing, satellite and magnet schools, and busing.

The NEA supports socialized medicine. Resolution A-13 supports a "mandatory" taxpayer-financed "national health insurance plan."

The NEA strongly opposes cutting or limiting taxes. Its legislative program contains the stern warning that the NEA "opposes any effort to amend the Constitution respecting tax limitations or the federal budget and the indexing of future income tax revenues."

The NEA wants to take funds away from national defense and spend them on federal programs in the schools. The NEA's legislative program states that "the proposed disproportionate allocation of funds increasing the national defense budget and decreasing federal funding for education must be reversed."

The NEA supports a nuclear freeze. Its resolution H-27 takes a strong stand against the testing, development, production, emplacement, and deployment of nuclear weapons.

The NEA's resolution H-28 supports the use of classroom materials in schools at all levels in order to spread the NEA's anti-nuclear views. Indeed, the NEA has already published its own curriculum called "Choices."

Curiously, the NEA legislative program supports a dramatic takeaway of traditional women's rights: military draft registration for young women as well as young men. The NEA also opposes denying federal benefits to those who disobey the law by not registering for the draft. The NEA strongly urges gun control legislation.

The NEA "vehemently" opposes freedom of choice for pupils and parents, but wants an unusual choice for teachers. NEA resolution A-9 opposes tuition tax credits and vouchers to allow pupils' attendance at nonpublic schools.

At the same time, the NEA wants teachers to have the option to be in the Social Security system or not. In other words, according to resolution E-11, the NEA wants Social Security to be voluntary for teachers even though it is mandatory for most other Americans.

The NEA comes out strongly pro-abortion. Resolution H-16 supports the right to abortion of all women, and the NEA legislative program comes out against any efforts "to eliminate reproductive freedom."

NEA resolution E-13 wants personnel policies and practices to "guarantee that no person be employed, retained, paid, dismissed, suspended, demoted, transferred, or retired because of ... sexual orientation." The same resolution suggests that Affirmative Action may be necessary "to overcome past discrimination." Resolution H-111 urges adding "sexual orientation" to our civil rights laws, also.

The NEA strongly supports Affirmative Action programs, and states that any plans to weaken them "must be opposed." The NEA vigorously opposes any efforts to limit the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

The NEA, in resolution E-5, endorses the controversial concept of Comparable Worth, which rejects market wage-setting factors in favor of wages determined by a subjective evaluation of job "worth" -- basically, Federal wage control. That's equal pay for UNequal work.

The NEA endorses unisex insurance, the system which would forbid using actuarial tables which give women the benefit of lower automobile accident insurance rates (because they have fewer accidents) and lower life insurance rates (because they live longer).

The NEA brags in its Annual that it had 500 Delegates elected to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in 1980. Presumably, the NEA will have as many or more at the 1984 conventions, working to implement its leftwing hidden agenda.

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The NEA urges gun control legislation. H-25, 153

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The NEW supports specific materials to use in school classrooms at all levels in order to understand nuclear proliferation. H-28, 153

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"NEA supports adoption by the Congress of the Equal Rights Amendment ..." and full funding of the Women's Educational Equity Act." 115

"The proposed disproportionate allocation of funds increasing the national defense budget and decreasing federal funding for education must be reversed." 115

"NEA supports a complete and immediate halt in the nuclear arms race, cessation of testing...." 115

"NEA opposes any effort to amend the Constitution respecting tax limitations or the federal budget and the indexing of future income tax revenues." 115

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"Gun control ... prescriptive controls on the manufacturing, distribution and sale of handguns." 117

"Mandatory national health insurance should be enacted and should be provided by public and private agencies to assure health services." 117

"Draft registration should be based on equal responsibility for men and women, and should not be used as an eligibility criterion for federal financial assistance." 117

"No federal funds should be expended for the development of nuclear attack evacuation plans." 117

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