

Mr. DENT. What do you do?

Mr. CARROLL. Under the Constitution the tax levying body—

Mr. DENT. If the school board refuses to do it or the taxpayers don't provide the money, what do you do about classrooms?

Mr. CARROLL. The classrooms are always provided.

Mr. DENT. How?

Mr. CARROLL. Through local and State support, we had a hundred-million-dollar bond issue.

Mr. DENT. How do you know they wouldn't vote for this new building if it was necessary?

Mr. CARROLL. We didn't decide it was necessary.

Mr. DENT. I understand this is because you said your cardinal principle is freedom of choice?

Mr. CARROLL. Yes.

Mr. DENT. Isn't it true because of the so-called option of freedom of choice the Supreme Court took the position the choice had been bad?

Mr. CARROLL. This instance is of a few days ago. All of this came about because somebody here in Washington is not satisfied because a certain number of persons who, through nonintimidated, noncoercive means, did not indicate they wanted to attend integrated schools.

Mr. DENT. Its always been a problem when the Federal Government, because of lack of proper consideration in the various States, has to go back to the principal that we have to do something on a Federal basis. I can remember when I was a very young man when we put out the first Federal-State laws in industry and demanded that a man wear goggles and that every cutting machine had to have a guard on it.

If you think that was complied with with freedom of choice, you are sadly mistaken. We lost a lot of eyes and limbs and lives before it was done.

Mr. CARROLL. My point is who would know best, the people in the county, your recognized school officials or someone sitting in Washington?

Mr. DENT. This "someone sitting in Washington" is a little outmoded. You have as much representation in Washington as the people in my district. If your representative doesn't represent you in Washington—and he may be the best representative in the whole Congress—nevertheless if he doesn't represent you to the extent that he sees to it that you folks back home know what the law is, he is a bad representative.

Mr. BRADEMAS. If the gentleman will yield, I said a lot of nice things earlier to Dr. Carroll and I stand by them, but I would have to express my apprehension about this latest colloquy here because, in my judgment, you are in the 20th century with almost everything you said until you started using that famous expression of "freedom of choice" and then your attack on "people sitting in Washington."

Members of this committee, as Mr. Dent suggested, "sit in Washington," just as does the Supreme Court of the United States and, if we were to follow through logically on the line of reasoning you just suggested, there would be little use in having a Supreme Court or paying any attention whatsoever to the decrees of that Court because they happen to have their residency and hand down their decisions from the Capital of the country, "sitting in Washington."