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Bussing

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The Milwaukee Jewish Council this week restated its long time position on school bussing. It is the Council's policy that bussing may be used when it is the most feasible way of attaining racial integration of the schools and quality education for disadvantaged children. The statement is part of the Council's position on the problem of de facto school segregation. The statement was released this week in the light of the national controversy and the exploitation of the issue of bussing in the national primary elections for the Presidency.

In releasing the statement of policy on bussing, Mr. Irvin B. Charne, President of the Milwaukee Jewish Council, pointed out that overcoming segregation of the public schools with bussing as one means of achieving that goal is the policy not only of the Council but also of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council which represents more than 80 Jewish communities and nine national Jewish organizations in the field of community relations. Anti-bussing legislation or a Constitutional amendment prohibiting the bussing of children to achieve integration of the schools would be

in effect a reversal of the intent of the historic 1954 U. S. Supreme Court decision which declared that segregated education is inherently inferior education. The Milwaukee Jewish Council statement added that bussing should be one of the means by which the Federal Courts or the school systems can overcome discrimination in public education. "It is a matter of deep concern", said Mr. Charne, "that the bussing issue is being used to promote fear among white parents about racial integration".

This week, the Milwaukee Jewish Council joined with leading human rights and civic organizations in Wisconsin in support of a fair campaign practices pledge which labeled the bussing issue as "tending to create fear and divisiveness among our people".