

# The Blumenfeld Education Letter

"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 these risks.  
"Without vision, the people perish."

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### NEA Votes to Boycott Florida Orange Juice Because of Rush Limbaugh

NEA conventions are always so full of left-wing, politically correct idiocies that a more appropriate name for this annual con-fab might be the "NEA PC Follies." This militant labor union of about 2.2 million teachers, school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, janitors and anyone else who labors in a public school building is really the backbone of the Democratic Party. Its latest idiocy made the front page of many of the nation's newspapers. The *Boston Globe* (7/5/94) headline read: **Teachers OK juice boycott to protest Limbaugh.** The article states:

The 2.2 million-member National Education Association voted yesterday to boycott Florida orange juice if state officials renew their \$1 million, six-month contract with conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

"This man denigrates teachers, he denigrates minorities, he denigrates women," Arlene Pavey of California said, urging support of the boycott at the NEA's annual convention [in New Orleans].

Jeff Wright, president of the Florida Teaching Profession-NEA, asked the nearly 10,000 teachers and school employees attending the convention to deliver a message to Limbaugh and his supporters. "We must now stand together, shoulder-to-shoulder

and say 'No more. If you choose Rush Limbaugh, we choose not to buy Florida orange juice,'" he said.

But some NEA delegates expressed concern that a boycott would give Limbaugh ammunition to attack the nation's largest teachers' union. Rich Stephenson, an NEA delegate from California, said a boycott would put the NEA "at the mercy of a mean-spirited and opportunistic hate-monger."

The \$1 million paid to Limbaugh is part of a \$17 million advertising campaign for Florida orange juice funded by a tax on growers and shippers. Limbaugh's contract expires in mid-August.

The National Organization for Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs are among those who have called for a boycott.

As of mid-June, the Florida Department of Citrus had received more than 26,500 phone calls, letters and faxes about the Limbaugh contract, with opposition running 4 to 1.

No doubt the Florida Department of Citrus will look at the sales figures before deciding whether or not to extend its contract with Limbaugh. But the NEA didn't do its public image any good by taking on Limbaugh who proceeded to ridicule the NEA for its asinine stupidity. *Education Week*

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