

## **The Federal Government and Education**

WHEREAS there is an increasing encroachment by our Federal government upon American education as witnessed in the National Defense Education Act of 1958; and

WHEREAS this encroachment must inevitably remove privileges and responsibilities further and further from individual states and from local school boards, thus limiting individual rights in a socialistic manner; and

WHEREAS as has been written: "The government which is strong enough to provide everything for you is strong enough to take away from you everything you have."—even the right of individual thinking;

THEREFORE we warn our fellow-countrymen concerning this un-American program and plead with our President and all other Federal leaders to desist from this trend to centralize our educational system.

AND FURTHERMORE we express our convinced disagreement with the ecumenical forces of the National Council of Churches and their leftist leaders who have favored and encouraged this government encroachment.

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