

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 20.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

WHEN HIS COMMISSION ON EDUCATION WARNED OF A GROWING MEDIOCRITY IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES THAT THREATENS THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS TO BLAME. HE MADE NO MENTION OF THE FACT THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD PULLED THE PLUG ON SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

MR. REAGAN CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDS THE NEED TO SPEND MONEY FOR DEFENSE; WHY DOESN'T HE SEE THE SAME NEED FOR EDUCATION WHICH IS VITAL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY?

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN TRAVELING AROUND THE COUNTRY THESE LAST TWO WEEKS EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN FOR EDUCATION. BUT I SAY THE PRESIDENT IS A STUDENT WHO CAME LATE TO CLASS.

QUALITY EDUCATION ALWAYS HAS BEEN A HIGH PRIORITY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND NO AMOUNT ^{OF} HOLLYWOOD POLITICS CAN HIDE THE VERY REAL FACT THAT EDUCATION HAS SUFFERED UNDER THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.