



If it's a crime to be getting bald, then I'm guilty. My landlady had the bad taste to be the first to point it out to me over 20 years ago. I've since gotten over the shock.

I bring this up now because Sen. John Briggs, the author of the anti-education initiative, Prop. 6, may not like baldness or balding people, and I want to use my right of advocacy and free speech to defend the bald before Briggs stops me.

Mind you, I don't advocate you shave your head, or in any other way commit blatant baldness. In fact, I deplore baldness. I'm still stuck with it, however. Those persons who want to be bald, I think, should have the right. Doctors tell me it's a healthy condition.

GETTING BACK to Briggs, you would think that blatantly homosexual teachers were running rampant in the schools. And you would think that Prop. 6 would stop them. That's just Briggs's cover story. It's "campaign oratory," designed to sell this thing. And it's not true.

Briggs may or may not get around to harassing the bald. However, Prop. 6, is designed to harass ALL school teachers. Mr. Briggs won't protect our kids from homosexuals. He will "protect" all of us from two things most of us prefer. One is freedom of speech. The other is the free public school system.

Imagine that you are a blatantly heterosexual teacher, a family man with wife, 10 kids and responsibilities. Another teacher is viciously accused, falsely, of homosexuality. The accusation alone, under this proposed law, would probably destroy that innocent teacher. And you? You don't dare defend him, because you yourself might be accused of "advocating" homosexuality by defending your friend.

NO MATTER how vicious or misguided the accuser, an accused teacher will be left without defenders.

It's as if I was accused of the crime of baldness, and no hairy-headed friend would help me, lest he be accused of advocating my sad condition.

The accusation of homosexuality is the most common insult on any school campus. "He's a fag" really means that a teacher gave a bad grade, corrected bad behavior, hurt someone's feelings, lisps, or is weak and open to bullying.

STUDENTS GET called "fag" quite often. If they obey teachers, don't smoke dope or tobacco, try to behave like gentlemen, wear ties to school, get good grades, or are timid and can be bullied, that's enough.

Senator Briggs is the latest in a long line of bullies. As he drives good teachers out of the school system, he may also bankrupt entire school districts with expensive, unneeded hearings.

But .. has any teacher ever done you wrong, failed you, stopped you bullying a smaller kid, or made you behave? Get your revenge Tuesday. If you hate 'em all, vote for Prop. 6.

Of course, you will also punish every teacher who did you a good turn, comforted you, helped you along the way, or gave you a good grade.

Don't be a bully. Vote NO on 6.

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