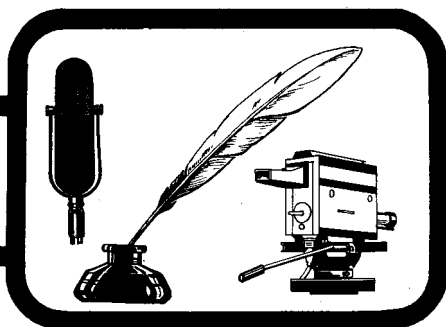


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We must keep the railroads running, particularly in time of war. But there must be a better answer than a quickie commandment from Congress on a plea from the White House. There is a better answer, and Congress would have devised it by now if the President had come up with a recommendation for improved permanent legislation dealing with national emergency labor disputes. It's elementary that Democratic leaders in Congress are not going to act on such legislation without a go-signal from the White House.

Instead of being given White House recommendations in the labor-management field to be carefully and thoroughly considered, Congress is being plunged into one labor crisis situation after another by a President who has abdicated one of his most serious responsibilities.

The Republican Party controls neither the White House nor the Congress. We are helpless to move in this situation. We have repeatedly urged the President to send Congress a proposal for dealing more effectively with national emergency labor-management disputes. He has not done so. He have repeatedly introduced bills calling for creation of a joint committee of Congress to study the need for such legislation. The Democratic Leadership has refused even to schedule hearings on the matter. The dereliction of duty is not on the Republican side.

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The choice is whether we shall continue down the path of ever-greater centralization of power and control of our everyday lives in the federal government or whether we shall shift some of that power to the states.

The choice is now. It cannot be delayed. That is why Republicans in the House of Representatives have proposed that block sum grants be substituted for categorical grants in the federal program of aid to elementary and secondary schools.

We prefer sharing of federal income tax revenue with States and local units of government. But since we lack the power to move on federal tax-sharing, we have organized behind the block grant approach in federal school aid. If we are successful, we will have struck a blow for better balance in government, for a shift in power and responsibility to the states, for greater freedom for state and local educators to determine their own priorities in problem-solving, for bringing government closer to the people.

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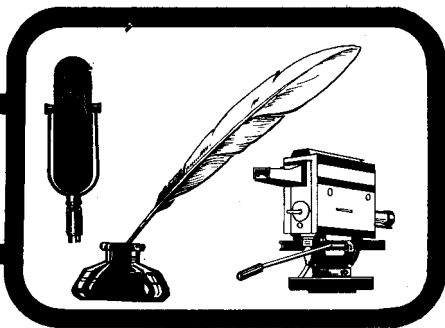
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