

Birch 'Civil Riots' Movie Showing To 'Captive' Students Protested

DALLAS, Nov. 2 — (UPI) Parents of students forced to watch a film, "Civil Riots, U.S.A." planned today to "lodge an official protest" with the school board.

Students at Bryans Adam High School saw the film Monday at a required assembly presented by W. W. Caruth III of the Dallas Committee to Support Your Local Police. Caruth is a member of the John Birch Society.

Henry J. Albach III, whose son saw the film said it "had some highly inflammable racial overtones and political overtones."

Albach said he also has seen the film. He said it "intimated that Martin Luther King and other civil rights leaders are Communists." He said Caruth lauded Lester Maddox, the segregationist candidate for Governor of Georgia for "restoring peace" in Georgia.

I don't think there is any place in our school system for the Birch Society programs," Albach said. He said he will attend the school board meeting Nov. 9 to protest.

School Principal Dr. Robert Harris said the film was to build up attitudes or respect for authority and for law and order. My assistant and I previewed it last summer. We thought it was a good film."