

Eye of the Storm

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..... It was no accident that Governor Wallace chose Florida for his 1972 political debut; he knew that state was ripe for his expert blend of scare-talk and defiance about busing. It was no accident, either, that Mr. Nixon moved immediately after the Wallace triumph in Florida, which had both benefited from and helped stimulate a huge referendum vote against busing.

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As busing fell out of the artificial headlines all the political rhetoric had created, the public temperature on the issue obviously declined. Unfortunately, when the Presidential candidates arrive in a state like Michigan, where busing is a local concern, they will no doubt heat up the controversy all over again. If so, watch Mr. Nixon descend to the occasion.