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Squeaking wheels get the grease

No wonder this is the Age of Protest. The average citizen has found that if he doesn't sound off collectively he's liable to be ignored.

Take the way the Board of Education has halved the amount of instruction time at home for handicapped children on Staten Island. Instead of five hours a week, teachers are now visiting such youngsters for two and a half hours weekly.

Not only that, but there are other kids on the waiting list for such lessons who aren't getting them yet.

The mother of one handicapped child said she was told that a scarcity of complaints from the Island may have resulted in the decision to provide only half as much instruction. Education Chancellor Harvey Scribner, she said, reportedly only received three protests from Island parents.

In other words, making noise brings results. Look what happened at Willowbrook. These handicapped kids deserve some widespread public support too.