



half-century ago, in the 1950s, Virginia faced a crisis now remembered as the "Era of Massive Resistance." At stake was the future of public education - would it be segregated or integrated?

In February 1959, the state attorney general appointed Flip Hicks to a legal team to work with the General Assembly on the desegregation issue. Flip researched Constitutional law and found a way for the state to finance education and bring an end to massive resistance.

During his career, spanning several decades, Flip made other substantial contributions to Virginia and our youths, championing the creation of the Community College system, lobbying for state funding for kindergartens and supporting the adoption of the state sales tax as a way to help finance education. He also devoted much of his time lobbying the Assembly in behalf of local government laws.

In this book:, Flip details in his own words his exceptional life and career. He incorporates personal history with a rare look at state government and politics during the last half of the 20th century. This book is meaningful as we observe the 50th anniversary of Virginia's passage into an era of educational equality - a move Flip Hicks helped inspire.

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