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SEGREGATION UNDER FIRE

THE SUPREME COURTS decision to review a case involving the right of a state to require separate school for Moreos and whites is the latest and the most significant development in a nation wide campaign to abolian suggrestation the use of public services and great the many of the service and the service and the service will be serviced to the service and the service will be serviced to the service and the service will be serviced to the servic

At one level the practical application of the Court's 50-year-old "separate but equal" facilities dictum is being chal-lenged. It is being alleged in numerous states that the separate facilities are sel-

dom-equial.

At another level, the constitutionality of
the "separate but equal" doctrine its being attacked. It is upon this legal foundation that this whole structure of segregation
in p u bile schools. State universities,
public transportation, and other public
facilities has been built.

AN EXAMPLE of the first appleach may be found in North Carolina where a group of Durham Negroes have brought suit against the Durham County Board of Education and seeme that the choice of Education and Education for the choice provided for Negroes are far from the equal of white schools—an appearant which is probably true fin every county in North Carolina.

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There is no contention in this suit that the State Board itself has discriminated in the expenditure of public school funds. Yet the law requires the State Board to approve budgets of local school units, and it thereby becomes a party to the skit. If the Federal Court funds, as a did in a recent Virginia case, that it was a side of the recent Virginia case, that it was a state for the recent virginia case, that it was a state for the recent virginia case as tremendous financial outlay to mike our Negro achools edval.

THE SECOND approach lies in the Suctionary of the state of the recent virginia case.

1. Elmer W. Henderson, Negro, of Washinston, D. C., charged he was unable, to obtain a meal on a Southern Rallway tain between Washington and Alabama in 1842. The District Court in Maryland Funds against him, but the Justice Department has joined in an effort to have. The Justice Department's brief is an attack on both the legal and social basis of sergestion, and contends that if the Court can not decide the case without reference to the "separate but equal" doctrine it, Jahould now be re-examined and overruled.

2. Herman Marion Sweatt, a Houston Negro, unsuccessfully sought admission to

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IT'S MR. SHAW'S MOVE

CITY ATTORNEY John Shaw's promte that a friendly suit will be filedsoon, to determine the County Government's legal responsibility for some \$100001 ind city Sebool district bonds is
good, new, We trust Mr. Shaw means
business this time

The County Government is not ungympathelic inche matter, according to Cliarman St. McAden. With the County Commissioners. It is stored to make of deter-

missioners, it is simply a matter of deter-mining legal responsibility. If the Su-preme Court rules it is the County Govern-ment's liability, the County will assume

ment's liability, the County will assume the bonds.

The net effect of a legal victory for the City will be to increase the amount of money Mecklenburg County care borrow for achool need. At present, under the County Figance Act of 1927, the County can borrow only up to 5 per cent of its assessed valuation. or \$12,000,000. This percentage limitation is written into the County Finance Act as follows:

bonds.

Provided, further, that if any county il assume all outstanding indebtedness for only purposes of every city, town, school rict, school taxing district, tewnship, or er political subdivision therein, the limit tie net debt of such county for school

of the case, claiming that the State has recently, established a university for Negroes at Houston and plans a \$250,000 law school building there. Sweatt, however, contends that "the Negrd school is Invariably an inferior school." (The Court also Phase consented to hear a case brought by A Negro student at the University of Oldshoms who claim the University of Oldshoms who claim to the University of Oldshoms who claim the University of Oldshoms who can be consented to the University of Oldshoms who can be the University of Oldshoms who can be consented to the University of Oldshoms who can be consented to the University of Oldshoms who can be consented the Court ruled against the student, holding that he was receiving equal educational opportunity and affirming the right of a State "to recognize racial distinctions between its cittens and to classify them.")

THE STRATEGISTS in this analomyide offensive find their impiration in Justice Hailan's famed dissent, to the 1898 Plessy v. Perguon decision. In that decision, the Qourt dismissed the contention that "the enforced separation of the two races stamps the colored race with a badge of inferiority," and observed that "if this be so, it is not by reason of anything found in the act, but solely because the colored race chooses to put that construction upon it." Out offers the season of anything found in the act, but solely because the colored race chooses to put that construction upon it." Out the propose of the season of anything found you report to the said. "Any of the propose of the season of the freedom enjoyed by our people shove all other peoples. But it is difficult to reconcile that boast with a state of law whith, practically, puts the brand of servitude and degradation upon a large class of our fellow citizens, our equals before, the law. The thin disquise of 'equal's accommodation. will not mislead anyone, nor alone for the woon this day has done."

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likely to be upset overnight either by judicial determination or act of Congress.

Regardless of the Supreme Court declisions, The South will undoubtedly contingée too appose hany efforts from without to aboilais segregation. It is not so much a matter of "abstract morals" as the Louistille Courier-Journal puts it. Most anyone can agree that segregation is wrong in the abstract morals as a different matter. Attitudes, not laws or court rulings, shape human relationships in The South and elsewhere in the world. They will continue to do-65 as long as man lives by custom. Such attitudes are not changed overnight. They are changed slowly, and the Change must take place in the minds and hearts of men before the written laws which govern them can have any real effect.

purposes including the debt so assumed, shall be eight per cent."

Thus, if the County should assume those 25-year-old borids, its borrowing capacity would increase to 8 per cent of the assessed valuation, or \$19.200,000.

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This step is important because the County Government does not now have enough borrowing capacity to meet the school needs of the Cityand County school systems. Those immediate needs of the examination of the craim in the county can be compared to the craim in the county can only issue slightly meet han \$3 million dollars, under the present limits thon.

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already swept into the first grades of our
City and County schools. They are creating a bute free which will swertely overtax facilities as they move on up into the
second, third and fourth grades. And there
are other tidal waves following behind.

The problem of expanding school facility
is already critical. City Attorney Shaw
should procede without turther delay with
his test suit, and the County Attorneys
should lend their every effort to speed a
Supreme Court ruling on the County's
legal responsibility for those old school
bonds.

A HELPING HAND

THERE is no better way to thank God for your sight than by lending a help-ing hand to someone in the dark. Idleness is worse than blindness.

is worse than blindness. These words of Helen Keller, deaf and blind from birth, sum up, we think, the reasons why the work of the Charlotte Lions Club in adding the blind and sight-handicapped is deserving of your support. The Lions Sciub has for many years helped those Charlotteans who are blind or otherwise, straight and the contractions of the contraction of the contractions of t

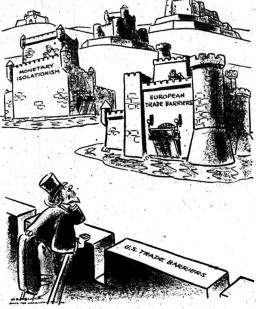
wise visually handicapped.

One of their most successful projects has been the workshop on North Brevard St., where the blind find useful employment in the making of sheets and pillow

silps and household mops, yourn vending machines are useful, but it takes many penines to provide sufficient funds for even one eye operation.

Such a project as that being launched by the Lions today is needed to make enough money available to provide real benefit for the sight-handicapped. The project is a broom and door mat sale, with the articles made—appropriate with the articles made—appropriate to the sight-handicapped. The Lions Club selling teams should and will meet with success in their four day sale.

'What Sax We All Move Into The 20th Century?'



Power Of Public Plunder

Variations Within A Party

(From The Chapel HIII Weekly

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plain to anybody familiar with the records of these
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differences in the section of the program entitled.

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Marquis Childs

The Impossible Is Done

COLOGNE, Germany FOUR YEARS ago I at a March American force captures the industrial city on the Rhins. Was correspondents who came in with the first contingent of militaring, smouldering ruin. Half the popular control of the Rhins and the other half easied in cellars and air raid shellers.

with a fine, bold prophetic sweep, wrote at that time that Germany as finished as an industrial nation for 30 years. Viewing the absolute of the state of the sta

passing over the four rebuilt bridges proved and one of what help happened and one of what help happened and one of the help happened and happened happened

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Truman And Ickes Agree About Indians Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

MARRY TRUMAN and Harold Icks, both men of positive depintions and quick tempers, had a long and triender talk the other day. There was a time when the color of t

If was because of Ickra' interest in Indians that he was first made Secretary of the Interior seventeen years aco. He had been recommended merely as Commissioner of-indian Affairs, but at the last minute PDR made him Secretary of the Interior instead.

However, both Ickes and Truman felt that the Indians were entitled to their ancient tribal customs. Furthermore, Ickes was superious that the move to put the Navajoe under state laws, while sincere on the part of the church, was a billing on the part of the politicians to take over their water.

He suspected the big New Mexican cattlemen and ranchers—most of them Republicans, but some of them contributing nonetheless to Democrate Sery Clinical Services and the services of the bill through Congress Anderson, inclining the part of the bill through Congress Anderson, inclining the Services of th

However, President Truman took the unusual step of elapping down his Secretary of the Interior and vetoing the Navajo bill

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