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# Governors Eye 'Mississippi Plan' As Device To Thwart School Ruling

(Editorial Correspondence)

RICHMOND, Va.—There was a little twist of irony in the conference of the southern governors and their advisers

At visit of irony in the conference of the southern governors and their advisers here yesterday.

The Dixie chief executives met to talk about public schools. More specifically, they met to discuss ways and means of keeping public schools in the South segregated. And, if that could not be done, they met to talk about the best way to change over with maximum smoothness from a segregated to a non-segregated saystem of public education.

The governors were amentied here because an opinion declarms segregated munonstitutional had named down munostitutional had named down munostitutional had named down to the support of the United States in the stripartite system of ours. The irony of it all, subtle though it was, came in the choice of a meeting place. For the governors assembled at the John Marshall Hotel, named for the eminent chief justice of the Supreme Court who, more than any other man, established the power and the authority of the court as one of the three co-equal branches of government.

nothing more to say. Finally, just before the elevator whisked him upstairs, one persistent reporter asked hopefully: "Would you say this has been a helpful meeting?" Laughing, Mr. Byrnes repliet: "Yes, it has been a helpful meeting— and you may quote me on that." The elevator doors clanged shut to the crescendo of cheers from the newsmen.

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FROM at least two southern viewpoints, however, the conference was a success.

It fostered the impression that the governors of Dixie are not inactive in the face of the Supreme Court ruling, that they are doing everything within their power to work their way around the peoblems posed by the recent Supreme Court decision. The intangible result should be the quieting of the apprehensions and the feeling of frustration that seem to characterize the dominant white majority throughout the South.

And it gave to the conferring executives an enlightening exposition of the "Mississippi Plan" for circumventing the Supreme Court opinion—a plan that may finally become the pattern all over the South. unless some better legal experts than the assembled attorney-general can spot holes in the scheme.

The "Mississippi Plan" is too complicated to explain here in detail. It would place with local school authorities the final authority for determining to which school any given child should go. And the yardsticks for determining admission to a particular school would have no reference to race at all. To the contrary, the yardsticks would include such intanguals as aptitude, ability to get along such as a pleudicular school would have no reference to race at all. To the contrary, the yardsticks would include such intanguals as aptitude, ability to get along such as a pleudicular school modern, "progressive" education.

As a legal device, it is reasoned, the "Mississippi Plan", with its total exclusion of the race factor, might successfully evade the Supreme Court ruling, it could not be challenged en masse; a separate case would have to be brought for each child, say its proponents, and then it would become a question of fact, not of law, with all the "built-in" delay such child, say its proponents, and then it would become a question of fact, not of law, with all the "built-in" delay such child, say its proponents, and then it would become a question of fact, not of law, with all the "built-in" delay such child, say its proponen more than any other man, established the power and the authority of the court as one of the three co-equal branches of government.

The governors, however, were too precupied with the real and tangible problems that will follow the Supreme Court's recent decision to note either the symbolism or the irony.

The newsmen who cooled their heels outside the conference during the long morning and afternoon sessions came from many places—Philadelphia, Chicago, Nashville, Washington, Atlanta, Charlotte, Richmond—reflecting the nationwide interest in the new era of transition upon which the South is incorrably, if unwillingly, embarking.

The reporters—and there were more than a score of them—didn't really executive the supreme Court decision legally, or for brindle superior of the public schools, may also the time joined spokesmen. A good many words were said, but they boiled down to this:

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One doesn't hear much any more about Point IV work in other countries. That is because economic aid has been deemphasized. Arms are sent to countries that promise to use them to fight Communists. But arms don't better living standards, or ease the hunger that makes communism attractive to impoverished peoples.

Ed Lahey of the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS toured the tiny republic recently. He found that there "the term do-gooder" loses the meaning it has as a nasty epithet in Washington, and acquires honorable implications. You just don't look down your nose at Point IV in Salvador."

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The reasons for the program's success, and the resulting good relations between it and the U. S, are not hard to find. One of the first things Point IV technicians did in the country was to introduce new varieties of sugar cane, after noting that a virus disease was destroying the hative cane. Now El Salvador produces enough sugar for its own consumption, some for export.

communism assessed.

The war against military communism will never be successful unless it is accompanied by a war on stomach communism. That is why the lesson of Point IV in El Salvador needs to be impressed upon the American people and government which, generous as it has been, tends now to minimize the value of economic and technical aid.

From The Baytown (Tex.) Sun

## AN OLD TURKISH CUSTOM

YOU KEEP reading in the magazines and seeing on television plenty of information about Turkey. And that reminds me of an incident that happened to me in Turkey a couple of years ago.

Somebody asked him why the Turking on in Turkey a couple of years ago. The people didn't get together and get better roads so it would be easier for

One afternoon we went out into the country from Istanbul to visit some farm lands.

Those Turkish roads were about as rough as a Turkish towel to a baby's skin after you left the main highway.

Somebody asked him why the Turk-ish people didn't get together and get better roads so it would be easier for them to get their products into the big town markets.

The old Turk was silent for a few econds and then he replied this way:

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Finally we got to a small farm and use those same roads to get in."

# News Readers Air Views On The Segregation Issue

### A Segregated Corner Of Hell, Perhaps?

Spartanburg, S. C. Editors, The News:

I READ People's Platform regularly and have been especially interested since the infamous decision barring segregation in our schools was handed down by the Supreme Court. As a true Southerner. I am deeply gratified to see that the majority of letters received seemed to favore maintenance of our southern ideals and traditions.

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Those few who favor integration have advanced reasons for their attitudes ranging all the way from "Segregation aids the Comparison of t

- JAMES T. KIRBY

## What's Wrong With School Integration?

AFTER reading so much stuff about the Supreme Court decision. I can no longer hold back my says so.

Some of the things written are reficieulous, for instance, the letter written by a person cutting off his subscription of the paper. Now that person has no meet for human rights. He spec is of the people, and that the people have the freedom of the press as a constitutional right.

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By DORIS FLEESON

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