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### Education: The Case For Discrimination

The 18th century philosophers who made equality a central term in our political vocabulary never meant to imply that men are equal in all respects. Nor do Americans today take such a view. It is possible to state in fairly simple terms the views concerning equality which would receive most widespread endorsement in our country today. The fundamental view is that in the final matters of human existence all men are equally worthy of our care and concern. Further, we believe that men should be equal in enjoyment of certain family, legal, civil and political rights. They should as the phrase goes, be equal before the law.

But men are unequal in their native capacities and their motivations and therefore in their attainments.

—ROCKEFELLER REPORT

THE Rockefeller Brothers Fund report on education is the most insistent challenge to the American conscience since Sputnik I.

Its size-up of the problem is wholly realistic. Its recommendations are appropriately bold and far-reaching. Perhaps the greatest problem of all, declares the blue-ribbon panel of educators and editors, "is the widely held view that all we require are a few more teachers, a few more buildings, a little more money."

Such an approach will be disastrous, says the report flatly.

"We are moving into the most demanding era of our history. We must build for the future in education as daringly and aggressively as we have built other aspects of our national life in the past."

This will require drastic or even revolutionary changes in traditional techniques and attitudes.

For instance, the Rockefeller panel sees no alternative to federal aid to help pay for the kind of educational system that will "identify, nurture and wisely use" every individual's talents, unless there is "a thorough, painful,

politically courageous overhaul of state and local tax systems."

The report minces no words on the need for a wholly new appreciation of education in the 20th century and a wholly new and enlightened effort to meet the minimum requirements of the age.

Opportunities for the fullest development of every individual should be equal but not necessarily similar, said the report. It emphasized with refreshing candor that differing abilities to achieve excellence at many levels and in many fields should be taken into account. The notion that educating Johnny differently from Jimmy is somehow undemocratic is thankfully discarded once and for all. If for no other reason than the panel had the gumption to express the self-evident fact that some children are brighter than others the report is a welcome addition to the American scene.

It may yet occur to some of our educators that it is not un-American to demand higher standards from the brighter children, not un-American to "discriminate" in the teaching of basic subjects to different pupils by giving some of them more intensive teaching, not un-American to bring Johnny along faster than Jimmy if Johnny is brighter.

The Rockefeller Brothers report is a mine of information and suggestions about U. S. education. Some of its findings are certainly open to question. In fact, we sincerely hope they are questioned, talked about, scrutinized critically, debated thoroughly. Only in this manner can an independent survey of this sort hope to have any effect at all on the status quo.

But if one and only one lesson for American educators could be culled from its pages and acted upon, we would choose the notion that different people ought to be educated in different ways, in different degrees and to different standards. Wide acceptance of this single truth would represent a tremendous step forward.

### The U. N. Must Not Fail In Lebanon

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

—PSALMS

JUST as the cedars of Lebanon are battling the elements for survival, righteousness is taking a few 20th century knocks of its own in the little Middle Eastern republic.

Lebanon's independence is in danger. The rebellion masterminded by Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser will undoubtedly succeed unless there is active intervention from the West in one form or another.

Either the United Nations will have to take collective action to preserve the peace or the United States and Great Britain will have to do the job alone.

The first alternative is obviously preferable.

The Anglo-American promise to protect the independence of this tiny pro-Western republic will probably have to be honored if all else fails. If aid is denied, confidence would be shattered in America's whole collective security network. On the other hand, if U. S. and British troops are sent in to battle the rebels and United Arab Republic "volunteers," the effect might be equally disastrous. Menacing words about "aggression" have already been spoken in Moscow.

Nasser again has the West in a box. Yet the skillfulness of his latest maneuvers has forced the West to face a practical reality. Should the pro-Nasser forces win, the Egyptian dictator will be master of all of the Arab lands in the Middle East. This must not happen.

The United Nations, which saved Nasser during the Suez crisis, is now in a position to stop him. It is faced today with a major test of its efficacy. Should the Soviets veto a proper response to President Chamoun's appeal to the Security Council, the General Assembly must act without delay. The chips are down for Lebanon and for the U. N.

### Funny Coincidence

BERNARD GOLDFINE's selection of Roger Robb as one of his attorneys in the congressional probe of L'Affaire Vicuna was reportedly made on the advice of Sherman Adams.

But did Mr. Adams happen to mention that lawyer Robb represented Peter Strobel, General Services Administration's commissioner of public buildings, and the late Air Force Secretary Harold Talbott?

Both resigned under fire.

### The Hoax Of 'Even-Handed Impartiality'

EVERY time we think that the witch burners have put away their matches and, as poet Auden has it,

Brisker smells about us,  
Cleaner clouds across our vision,  
and honest sounds our ears,

along comes some new silliness to fracture the vision.

So it was the other day when the U. S. Senate extended the Taft-Hartley Act's non-Communist affidavit requirement to employers.

Originally, the affidavits were required only of officers of labor unions who desired to use the good offices of the National Labor Relations Board in settling any disputes. It was one of those quaint little refinements of the McCarthy era and, like most, has become something of a private joke among NLRB members. Real Reds will sign anything. If they are cautious cusses all they have

to do is resign from the party and then sign the affidavit.

Resenting the implication that labor leaders may be Reds, some union officials have raised the cry of "double standard" and demanded that management share the shame. Everybody but the Senate apparently knew that it was a tongue-in-cheek demand. But it was lapped up by sons who feel they can't ever let it be said that they "shielded Communists"—anywhere.

But as the WASHINGTON Post aptly noted, "Communist employers desiring recourse to the NLRB are probably as numerous in the United States as bathing beauties in the Kremlin. The pretense of evenhanded impartiality between employer and employee which the provision offers is an outright hoax." These are hot days and, as everyone knows, Washington is insufferable in summer. But forced to be impartial between employer and employee, the Senate should affirm the nation with insufferable legislation.

Strategic Problem

Collins expressed the belief that the United States could not block the tide of Arab nationalism and that in war we could not use Near East oil anyway. The waterways through the Red Sea and Suez are too narrow, can be too easily bombed or patrolled by submarines. Furthermore,

## So, You're Going Abroad? Here's What You're In For!

By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain  
THE tourist season is starting to flower in Europe and other strange and wonderful places, and more than a million Americans will take ships and planes to spend dollars in unfamiliar neighborhoods. We seem to be on the spot right now, internationally, due to the recent fresh surge of hate-American-but-grab-the-bucks-while-they-last reaction to the L. of the Free and H. of the Brave.

If the armed forces can put out a guide for troops stationed abroad, I don't see why I can't hand out a couple of timely tips, too. Certainly I've had enough time in the outer bondbooks to have learned a couple of things about not petting tigers until they're dead, or expecting gratitude from the French for anything.

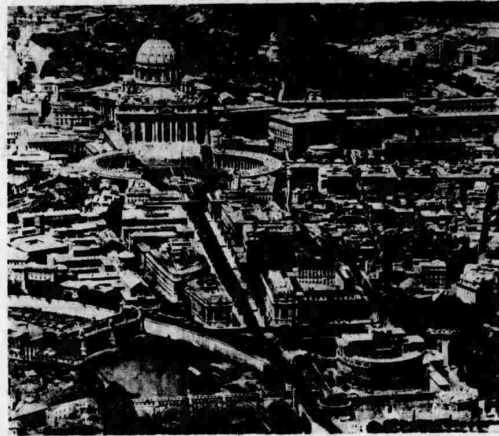
#### IS ENGLISH SPOKEN?

First, and this is important: Unfortunately as it may seem to a Keokuk cavalier, loose for the first time. Arabs will speak Arabic, Greeks still speak Greek, and Catalans still speak Spanish, let alone English.

The British speak Yorkshire, Cumberland, Cockney, Scots, Liverpool, Irish, Devonshire, Somerset, Lancashire, and up town Londonese. They are all unintelligible to each other, so don't expect to get very far with deep Georgia or pure Bronx. It's no good criticizing the natives for not speaking your language—quite often they don't speak to each other.

#### HOW ABOUT SPORTS?

Do not expect to find hotdog stands in London, or an ice-cream parlor on every corner in Madrid. Baseball is unlikely to be encountered in France, on a major league basis, since the last Cabinet probably deserted to Los Angeles.



Rome Lies In Wait For New Hordes Of Well-Heeled 'Barbarians'

The concierge, or hall porter, the man who mails your letters and rings for reservations, is apt to speak a very fine brand of self-imagined English, no matter what his nationality, but ask him anything more complicated than where is the gent's room and you will wind up in Abyssinia.

#### GETTING ABOUT

All taxi drivers, anywhere, will give you an argument, except in Spain. There the taxi drivers are generally just as lost as you are,

and expect sympathy. Paris cab drivers just don't want to go where you're headed. They want to stop off and visit their mistresses while you wait. Roman hackers are all frustrated racing drivers and are sore because nobody asked them to enter the Vuelta Magia.

In Rome, do not observe the sidewalk as a safety zone. It is secret hunting country for the more predatory chauffeurs, and the screams of mow-down pedestrians ring louder than the church bells.

You can drink the water anywhere. It is the same water they make the ice out of that you put in your drinks, the white screaming for bottled water. You're going to have a Gypsy tummy anywhere you go, anyhow, especially when you return to New York. I'm not sure about the water there.

In tourist season, all aircraft arrive early and leave late, if you're meeting planes. Off season, they arrive late and leave early. This is known scientifically.

ly as the Ruark Immovable Law, time-tested for more than 24 million miles. So don't fight City Hall.

Hotels will give you your mail a couple of days after you've mailed a couple of days after you've asked for it, because the boy at the mail desk isn't quite sure you're you. A tip generally improves this suspicious situation. If you overtip, you not only get your held mail, but also the mail of a miser.

Wine of the country will get you just as stiff as sour-mash bourbon if you drink enough of it. This does not apply to English beer, which seems to have been constructed of straw.

#### YOU'RE STUCK

There will be no taxis at any airport, anywhere, if the plane comes in late at night, and the bus will have gone to Orly when it's due at Le Bourget.

In most hotels, there will be no record of your advance booking, because the night receptionist is a Portuguese from Goa who is a summer replacement and is busy learning the local language. You may ring for the room waiter until your fingers fall off, and they will all have gone to the racetrack for the weekend. But when you check out, they will have arrived back and brought their families, each member of which has been trained from birth to extend an itching palm.

#### IT WILL RAIN

It will rain wherever you are. It will be sunny wherever you go. Just left. But if you keep some semblance of a sense of humor, don't yell, and exercise a normal politeness, you'll have one helluva fine time.

You will also discover that most of the ordinary people, like us, act just the same everywhere, whatever the race or language, and are eager to repay friendship in kind.

## Ike's 'Guidance' Needed To Break Integration Deadlock

By WALTER LIPPMANN

WASHINGTON  
JUDGE Lemley's order, which grants the plea of the Little Rock School Board for a postponement of integration, has raised now the question which would otherwise have faced the country when school opens at the end of September. The question is whether the President is once again to send troops to the Central High School, whether in fact that particular school in Little Rock is to be under military

guard for the indefinite future. There has been no progress whatsoever during the past year towards the acceptance by consent of integration, even of the piliably meager integration of the seven Negro children who would be coming to school in September. Gov. Faubus is still determined to prevent their integration, and President Eisenhower is still committed to use the federal military power if integration is resisted. This dismal deadlock is no

doubt the reason why men of good faith and good will, like the superintendent of schools, Mr. Virgil Blossom, and Mr. Harry Ashmore of the Arkansas Gazette, are agreed in asking the court to give Little Rock a breathing spell. The alternative to the breathing spell is the renewed military occupation of the Central High School.

#### EDUCATION DISRUPTED

A year's experience has shown that in the tension, the unrest, and the distraction "the orderly

administration of the school was practically disrupted." There is every reason to believe that the military occupation has to be renewed in September, the situation will be at least as bad, and damned worse.

#### DAMNED BOTH WAYS

Thanks to the timing of Judge Lemley's decision, which he says was deliberate, we shall not be able to drift all summer, only to find in September that we are confronted with a crisis for which we are unprepared.

The administration, and the country along with it, are in a squeeze where, as things stand, we are damned if we do, and we are damned if we don't. If the administration does not support vigorously and effectively the appeal from Judge Lemley's order, it will mean that Gov. Faubus has succeeded, at least for as long as he is likely to be in office, in nullifying the law as laid down by the courts. The President will have been established that nullification is tolerable.

On the other hand, if on appeal Judge Lemley's order is reversed, the federal government will have won a technical victory which in fact condemns it to the troops to compel integration. That is the last thing that the administration wants to do, and it is the last thing that the wisest friends of civil rights can want the administration to do.

#### LEGAL ANARCHY

The case for accepting the delay would, I think, be compelling provided there were a guarantee that the time gained will be used constructively and not lazily squandered. Unfortunately there is

no guarantee that anything useful will be done. For the President has never accepted the idea that when the Supreme Court handed down its big and revolutionary decision, it became the duty of the national government to see that plans were worked out to carry out the decision. As a result, a social revolution in an important section of the country has been encouraged from Washington but it has never been guided, and it has been allowed to proceed in an anarchy of sporadic law suits.

#### PRESIDENTIAL DUTY

In this grave matter which involves the federal power, it has been and it is the duty of the President to bring about a continuing consultation among the leaders of opinion and the officials and the professional educators on such questions as to where, when, how to begin integration in this locality and in that one. I cannot believe, for example, that the consultation would have approved the idea of beginning the great social change by instituting integration in a high school for adolescents which is educational. On the other hand, I should like to see a consultation would have supported the idea of beginning integration in a state like Arkansas at the upper levels of education, particularly in the graduate schools.

These two examples merely illustrate the kind of guidance which the country needs if it is to find a peaceable way out of the dismal deadlock. It is certain that without guidance of this sort, we can look forward to several years of confusion, disorder, and civil bitterness.

### 'That Respectable Cloth Coat Is Wearing Kinda Thin'



### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON  
"LIGHTNING Joe" Collins, the combat general who took Cherbourg with such speed during the Normandy invasion, who later became Army chief of staff, believes the United States will lose the entire Near East—except for Israel.

Gen. Collins was talking to a group of his Army-Navy cronies at the Army and Navy Club simultaneously with John Foster Dulles' worries over sending Marines into Lebanon to rescue that country from pro-Nasser, pro-Soviet Arabs.

### Collins Predicts Loss Of Arab World

The Russians have airfields only 400 miles away and could bomb oil installations in a few minutes.

#### The Oil Question

By using oil from Canada, Venezuela and the United States, opened Gen. Collins, the West could get along without Arabian oil anyway. In time of peace the Arabs want to sell their oil to the West just as much as Western Europe wants to buy it.

"The Israeli Army is one of the toughest and most modern in the world," said one of the toughest combat commanders of World War II. "As long as they are helped by American Jewry, Israel can survive as the one friendly outpost in the Near East."

#### Guerrilla War

Gen. Collins thinks Gen. de Gaulle will be able to save Algerian oil for France

if he plays it smart. He will have to keep out American oil companies and will have to make peace with the Algerian National Liberation Front.

"You and I know," Gen. Collins reminded his Army buddies, "what it means to fight a guerrilla war. You just can't win."

#### The Pious Past

The White House used to be much more careful about receiving gifts—at least, certain kinds of gifts. When professor Alexander Mac Beath of Dublin University wrote a treatise on "Plea for Heretics" it was printed in pamphlet form by John G. Moore of Pasadena, Calif., and sent to leaders of American public opinion, and among others to President Eisenhower.

The pamphlet was returned by the White House, together with a note which

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From The Manchester Guardian

### HEEL OF ACHILLES

TWO typists in a big city office were discussing the relative merits of some of the up-and-coming young men. When one girl mentioned the name of a certain bright young man the other shook her head decisively.

"No, I don't think he'll get very far," she said. "He may have a black humbug and a briefcase, but look at his signature. Why even a kid of 6 could read it!"