

The Emergency In The Public Schools

SOUTHERNERS, having contributed a heavy share of their income to the cause of education, have every reason to be proud of the remarkable accomplishments of the past half-century. And there is comfort in the fact that their sacrifice is gradually being appreciated elsewhere.

ton mills is now higher than the average school teacher's pay. Small wonder North Carolina's teacher shortage now stands at upwards of 3,000.

During recent years a concerted effort has been made to improve education in the South and there is no doubt that the public schools for all sections of the country. Recent studies emanating from the Mason and Dixon line indicate that the gap between the North and the South has been narrowed considerably, until today higher education in the South has reason to be proud of its position.

School officials argue, with complete justice, that this is not a problem that can be postponed. If our schools are allowed to operate on a makeshift basis, competent staffs for only a year or two of a whole generation of our young will have been injected into the educational system without adequate basic preparation, and the results will show at every level for many years to come.

Another Athens Takes Care Of Its Own

ATHENS, ALABAMA, has demonstrated an excellent method of preventing outside interference in the South's internal affairs. Athens, like its namesakes on two continents, had itself a right lively riot, with racial overtones. It was an ugly and pointless business, as such affairs always are, but it at least resulted in remarkably little bloodshed and property damage.

But, most important, Athens officials haven't let the matter rest now that peace has been restored. "I will not tolerate mob rule in Limestone County," proclaimed Solicitor George C. Johnston, and promptly called together a grand jury. "The grand jury will be asked to indict all those connected with the disgraceful affair for riot and rout, which carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment. . . . I will ask the circuit judge to set the cases for immediate hearing and will push them to the limit."

Notes (Prejudiced) On A Strike

READERS, we think, are entitled to be candidly suspicious when newspapers start tearing their shirts over matters affecting their own well-being. That fine quality of objectivity, which even the most partisan editors profess, is bound to seem a little strained when editorial space is devoted to an argument that child labor is wrong on all sides. It seems that the sacred principle of freedom of the press.

At this moment, when men are trying, not successfully, to pin together a peaceful coalition, it seems that of the first importance to keep the news wires open, come hell, high water, or wage disputes. We concede the possibility that the Press Wireless workers may have legitimate claims for higher wages. But what of the other 3,000 men? Will the economic state in the strike, and probably without any very careful examination of the issues involved, they too walked off the job. Does their sympathy for their striking brethren outweigh their concern for the innocent, will bring great pressure to bear on Press Wireless, the guilty, to give its workers what they want so all the cables will hum again. We doubt, somehow, if it will work out just that way.

Another Voice

THE OPA has taken price controls off of canned dried octopus and evaporated goats' milk. We can just see Joe Martin squaring off to make something of it. For Mr. Martin, who is Republican leader of the House of Representatives and a GOP policy maker, has just uttered a frank admission. The party is in search of campaign issues, and hopes and expects to find one in price-rises from now to November.

also on the proposition that they will be calling attention to it anyhow—eagerly hoping that the worse comes to the worst, but highly resolved to make the picture as black as they can, or blacker, in any case. The OPA law is the Administration's bill, says Mr. Martin, ignoring the fact that the weaknesses of the law were anti-Administration contrivances.

People's Platform

The Awakening Veterans

CHARLOTTE Your blessing is needed on a real GI Association for the real growth and everlasting greatness of our Country.

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It goes, without saying, that the indefinite attitude of the politicians, and their continuing in the path of least resistance, with shortages of sugar, shortages of meat, shortages of building materials, failure of production, questionable contracts, have brought about a situation necessary for correction. The GI has been greatly misunderstood and has met with a most a rebuff on his return. All over the country the relaxation of regimentation appears through the new power, politically and economically in this great country of ours. The ideals of the past and the fine traditions of Southerners are not to be lost in a "new deal" or any other kind of deal.

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Drew Pearson's : Austria Suffered From Pauley's Bunder Merry-Go-Round :

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Tragedy In Palestine

WASHINGTON THE news stories out of the Paris Peace Conference read at times like the account of a lightning-prise fight. Round by round, we hear first that the American champion has won, then the Russian champion has won.

Arab Palestine, went a reported recommendation for a fund of \$500,000 to make a preliminary study of the Middle East. This would be spent on irrigation, hydro-electricity, and other projects. The Russian champion in modern agriculture.

Secretary of State Byrnes scores a point on Foreign Minister Molotov in those international chess matches carried on by telegraph, no one but the experts can be quite sure of the true status for the home team.

Two facts are overwhelmingly clear. First and foremost, this: The people in depressed areas such as the Middle East will not wait patiently while we debate the political proprieties. Change on a massive scale is inevitable. Either we accept this change, guiding and conditioning it, or the situation will get and get along with the other relic of an outworn past.

While the peace-makers have been sitting in Paris, the situation near the Middle East has already locally deteriorated. Like the chain reaction of the atomic bomb, one explosion leads to another and the end is disaster. The blast in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem was the first in a series.

What is lacking is a positive plan—a plan that would mean a beginning of a solution for the whole region. Responsible Zionist leaders know this better than anyone. They know the Arab danger inherent in trying to force a political solution which overlooks the political, economic and racial in an area torn by ancient dissension.

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