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Ruling Threatens Housing Program

A RECENT Supreme Court decision projects has raised a basic question about President Eisenhower's public housing proposal now before a joint congressional committee.

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The question really has two parts: (1) Will the breakdown of segregation in public housing projects produce an exodus of whites, leaving the projects all-Negro; (2) If that happens, can further public housing appropriations be justified as public expenditures?

This was the background of the Supreme Court test.

Since 1942, the San Francisco Housing Authority has followed a policy of preserving "the same racial composition which exists in a neighborhood where a project is located." Under this policy, the Ping Yen project was placed in the city's trained to the project was placed in the city's trained to the project was placed in the city's Three Negroes were refused admission to the North Beach project. They went to court On appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, their complaint was upheld on the grounds that the San Francisco housing policy violated the 14th amendment by denying the Negroes equal protection of the law.

In San Francisco two years ago, whites, who comprised 90.7 per cent of the city's

population, occupied only 60 per cent of its 13,263 public housing units. Negroes, who comprised 5.7 per cent of the population, occupied 37 per cent of the units. And other races, representing 3 per cent of the population, occupied 3 per cent of the units. The current issue of Architectural. For the units of the units. The current issue of Architectural. For the units of the units. The current issue of Architectural. For the units of the unit

"Frankly, the whites move out about as fast as the Negroes move in. Abolish the pattern, and within two years virtually all public housing will be Negro-occupied. Public housing would thus become housing for one race, and I do not believe it could be justified as a public expenditure."

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As an abstract theory, all-Negro public housing might be justified on the grounds that Negroes are generally at the bottom of the income ladder and, hence, have first priority on public housing units. Politically, however, it may very well turn out that the breakdown of segregation in public housing will mean the end of the program as we have known it. And any effort to attach non-segregation rinders to other legislation providing for slum rehabilitation, urban redevelopment and FHA loans may leave the whole broad housing program of the Eisenhower administration bogged down in the quick-sands of Congress.

Joe Won't Go Now, But Maybe Later

THE "Jee Must Go" movement in Wisconsin has, for the time being, failed in its chief purpose. Circulators of the petitions demanding a recall election for Sen. Joe McCarthy did not obtain quite enough signatures (they needed over 400.000) during their allotted 60 days. But this does not mean that Wisconsin voters have, by not signing petitions, endorsed their junior senator. The surprising aspect of the movement, in view of circumstances pertaining to the recall, is that it almost succeeded.

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About one-fourth of the states have provided for use of the recall, a Swissoriginated device by which voters can retire a public official before his regular term ends. The mechanics of the recall differ from state to state. In Wisconsin 25 per cent of the number of persons who voted in the last gubernatorial election must sign petitions before a recall election can be held. There was a big turn-out in the 1952 gubernatorial election—over 1.6 million votes were cast, even though the state has a population half a million less than North Carolina's. So the mere physical job of collecting signatures was comparable to the task it would be to get signatures from almost everyone who voted in the recent North

Carolina senatorial primary.

Too, many anti-McCarthy people did not support the recall movement because they felt it was useless. There is considerable legal doubt that the recall can apply to a member of Congress, although this issue has not been finally resolved. Thus many labor leaders didn't ask their membership to get out and circulate petitions. Wisconsin elects its governor every two years. So in November there'll be another gubernatorial election. The recall movement people have promised to circulate petitions again after it. Because it's an off-presidential year election a much smaller turn-out is expected. Thus fewer signatures will be required. In other words, it is likely that the success of the recall demand has only been delayed. Whether or not the courts decided the recall applies to a senator, the cities of the recall deprise to the court of the recall deprise to the court of the recall deprise to the court of the recall deprise to a senator, the cities of the recall deprise to the court of the recall deprise to the recall deprise to the court of the recall deprise to the tendent of the recall deprise to the

The Passing Of A Landmark

HAVING said in the past just about everything unkind about the Armory-Audiorium that came to mind—the lousy acoustics, the uncomfortable seats, the phones ringing in the rear and football crowds yelling outside, the poor regulation of heat and inadequate ventilation —we should now speak kindly of the old structure, perhaps, as one speaks kindly of the dead.

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They profited from the Armory, also. Religious meetings brought out the people by the thousands. Commencement exercises sent young graduates out into life charged with new ambitions. Business men displayed their products, and the lessons of modern homemaking were

taught by demonstration.

Built for a convention of Confederate veterans and stripped of all non-essentials in order to keep the cost low, the Armory-Auditorium finally became a versatile center of the community's social, cultural, recreational, religious and commercial activities. And it detracts nothing from the building's role to point out that it was used only because no other superior structure was available.

Yesterday's fire, which gutted the old building, leaves the City of Charlotte with a problem and an opportunity. The problem is the provision of facilities for groups too small and too poor to use the monstrous new coliseum—a problem that may be solved by such privately-owned structures as Radio Center, or by rebuilding the Armory, preferably on a new site.

The opportunity is to round out the municipal stadium into a full oval, with a modern field house placed in the center of the new segment, simultaneously increasing the seating capacity and providing more adequate dressing room facilities for athletes.

AREN'T THESE SIGNS OUT OF LINE?

HIGHWAY taffic signs, as we understand—or understood—the system,
were designed to warn and inform the
motorist without unduly distracting his
attention. The shape and lettering or
symbols were complementarily arranged;
hexagon for Stop, diamond for Curves
and Intersections, square for Slow (is
that right?), and so on. Recognition of
the shapes is one of the things they test
you on for your driver's license. The
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Now, though, comes the State Highway and Public Works Department with a series of big blue and white signs bearing "safety" slogans a la Burma Shave ads. Typical couplet is "YOUTE LUCKYTO BE ALIVE/IF YOU'RE LUCKYTO BE ALIVE/IF YOU'RE COURT BETTE THE CURVE. AHEAD OR YOU'LL BEFPICKED UP DEAD "Somewhat more subtle is "HEAVY FOOT/ LIGHT HEAD/BAD CURVE/STONE DEAD." A non-rhymer goes something like this "PONTP DIL OW'TE HEABES. DEAD." A non-rhymer goes something like this, "DON'T FOLLOW THE HEARSE TOO CLOSELY/THE FLOWERS IN THERE COULD BE YOURS."

Are these the newest of Motor Commissioner Ed Scheidt's gimmicks for saving lives? We're a little dubious of them. Just evading the trucks and trying to keep up with the route markers is grimenough business without being reminded that the car in the rear-view mirror may be the undertaker's. Besides, it could be a lethal mistake to try to read one of those Pearly Gate invitations while dodging some humorless, illiterate or just plain deflant motorist who recognizes neither their intent nor your right to half the highway.

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If these jingle writer's nightmares must be a part of the roadman's burden, however, here's one we'd like to add to the series:

SHIFT YOUR EYES
TO THIS SIGN
GO 6 FEET DOWN
IN BOX OF PINE.

How long is it going to take some operatic tenor's alert press agent to claim that it's his client's high C that's shattering all the windshelds in the Northwest?—COLUMBIA (S. C.) STATE.

'That's The Way It Looks, All Right'



People's Platform

Letter should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Teach And Practice Brotherly Love

Editors, The News:

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