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## Segregation: No Fist-Shaking, Please

ON THE surface, the movement to get the General Assembly "on record" concerning segregation may look like a neighborhood game of follow-the-leader. Other state legislatures have unfurled Confederate flags and waved them insistently in the face of the U. S. Supreme Court. But we cannot believe that Tar Heel lawmakers will indulge in any such nonsense.

There can be no serious objection to a declaration of policy on the subject.

But any resolution passed by the General Assembly should be temperate and reasonable—and, above all, free of any fist-shaking defiance.

Heretofore the report of the governor's Advisory Committee on Education—combined with Attorney General Harry McMillan's brief as amicus curiae—has served as a kind of unofficial state policy.

The committee's report, coming as it did from a biracial citizens group, remains today the best expression of North Carolina opinion on the Supreme Court's decision and its effect on public education. Certainly, it should form the basis for any new declaration of policy by the General Assembly. Legislators definitely should not go beyond its sensible language.

The report contained a statement, resented with great flourish yesterday, that "mixing of the races forthwith in the public schools throughout the state cannot be accomplished and should not be attempted."

Here, the key word is "forthwith." It is, of course, the same key word the

Supreme Court used when it phrased these questions for re-argument April 11:

(a) would a decree necessarily follow providing that, within the limits set by normal geographic school districting, Negro children should be admitted to schools of their choice or

(b) "this Court, in the exercise of its equity powers, permit an effective gradual adjustment to be brought about from existing segregated systems to a system not based on color distinction" (Emphasis ours).

The very fact that these questions are subject to argument gives North Carolina and the other states hope that the court will be reasonable in its implementation of the 1954 ruling.

Nothing that we can find in its decision suggests that the court is hell-bent on enforcing immediate desegregation in states which have operated separate schools for years.

Surely the court is aware of the problems involved. We believe this opinion reveals in the language of the invitation to the states to participate in re-arguments:

Because these are class actions because of the wide applicability of this decision and because of the great variety of circumstances, the formulation of decrees in these cases presents problems of considerable complexity. (Emphasis ours).

We are confident that the court will be reasonable. The General Assembly should demonstrate its determination to be reasonable too.

## Thirty For Two Lords Of The Press

WITHIN hours, U. S. journalism lost two of its most colorful figures: Crusty, arch-reactionary Col. Robert Rutherford (Bertie) McCormick, 74, of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE and crusading Joseph Pulitzer II, 70, of THE ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH.

Few men have caused more thunder and lightning on the 20th century newspaper scene.

Both were journalistic warriors, but their causes were about as much alike as ice cream and pickles.

Col. McCormick, above all things, was the world's most unrelenting Anglophobe and isolationist. When he visited England in 1933, the kindly British comment on him came from London's Laborite DAILY MIRROR:

"Now he is with us once more... and has been summing us up again. Bless his stupid old rancorous heart."

The colonel was indeed old and rancorous but he was not stupid. He shaped THE TRIBUNE into one of the nation's largest and most powerful dailies. Furthermore, he was the key man in the organization which also controlled the huge NEW YORK DAILY NEWS.

He was about as far to the right as U. S. politics permit and he practiced "passionate conservatism" with bulldog tenacity.

He never mellowed. Up to the end he was active in For America, a rightwing

group dedicated to something called "enlightened nationalism and was threatening to form a third party."

Mr. Pulitzer, the famous son of a famous father, ran what is perhaps America's leading crusading newspaper. He probably came as close as humanly possible to living up to the famous "Platform" of the elder Pulitzer drafted:

"Fight for progress and reform, never break unjustly on corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, always remain devoted to the public welfare... never be afraid to attack wrongs, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty."

"Boiled down" the younger Pulitzer once said, "the Platform simply means printing an honest newspaper."

He did just that.

The campains and exposes of Mr. Pulitzer's Post-Dispatch brought the paper and its staffers 11 Pulitzer Prizes. Unlike the rock-ribbed, never deviating TRIBUNE, the Post-Dispatch "called 'em as it saw 'em" it is now firmly in the liberal Democratic fold. But in 1906 it backed Al Landon against Franklin D. Roosevelt. After supporting FDR in 1940 and 1944, it turned around and came out for Tom Dewey against Harry S. Truman in 1948.

McCormick and Mr. Pulitzer carved deep insertions in the history of U. S. journalism. The world of printer's ink and newsprint is going to be awfully lonesome without them.

## Spring Comes To The Bleachers

SPRING—and you've got to talk about it—these balmy days—is not a matter of the vernal equinox. No matter what the stargazers tell you, spring comes from Florida. Maybe a little even comes from Arizona.

Spring is the sound of a baseball bat, a wealth of copy pouring from the southland, predictions, hopes and dreams of October greatness.

Any way you look at it, spring wasn't with us until this week when the major league teams began to straggle out of the orange groves and into musty minor league parks from Key West to Brooklyn.

The pilgrimage has started and the conversation is always the same: there's the sore arm hero and anxious

moments while 100,000 fans offer limousine bottles... the rookie senator who'll end up at Elmira... the pennant contender who'll finish seventh... the flag winner that needs a shortstop... the weakness down the middle that could "put us right up there"... the "wait and see" statements... the greatest manager in the world who'll be an Oklahoma used car salesman in August... the best clubs on the bottom of the Grapefruit (and Cactus) Leagues and the poorest on top... the old pro making a comeback... the ace who wants to fish... No matter what you say, spring comes from the training camps. It is born at Vero Beach and Orlando and Phoenix.

You chart in the heavens, we'll watch it from behind first base.

From The Christian Science Monitor

## UNIVAC FOR SENATOR!

YOU all remember Univac. That notorious electronic computer stuttered and chattered on election night last year and gave birth to—well, some estimates that were sort of accurate.

They laughed when Univac sat down to prophesy. A machine? They jeered. How can it tell how, of all most unpredictable things, the human mind en masse will decide to vote? And they laughed when poor Univac came close, but not close enough.

But stay. We have cheering news for all of you who may have had just a twinge of remorse for the loud laughter and even a bit of sympathy for that unappreciated Univac.

Univac unlimbered itself recently and with univac unctored delivered itself of a minor miracle.

Did you ever hear of the mysterious Eighth Moon of Jupiter? Well, it's been lost in the vastness of interplanetary space since 1941—515,000,000 miles away from earth. And Univac (Univac, set right up here and bow deep to the ladies and gentlemen) found it!

Yes, 515,000,000 miles out there, and

100,000 times fainter than the faintest star, but invariable Univac digested the necessary statistics and out popped the exact locale. For when the Mount Wilson telescope trained on the Univac-directed spot there was the Eighth Moon, missing for 14 years, but feebly gleaming, and no doubt relieved to be discovered again.

What is the moral of all this? Certainly this: If Univac can't do it, what makes you think that you can predict elections?

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## People's Platform

Myrtle Beach, S. C. Editors, The News: POSSIBLY no person could feel more strongly for scientific perfection than do I, but the fact is the warlike production of super bombs and super radiation devices is a very dangerous thing to everyone in the world today.

Now that we have the atomic devices for war and have them thoroughly controlled and ready, what useful purpose is served by constantly shooting bigger and bigger devices—devices which we would be very foolishly to use even on enemies. It would be far better to try and work out other techniques and devices which would not be so damaging to the whole world and ourselves.

Work out atomic power devices. However, the use of atomic energy radiating substances in aircraft and train engines strikes me as a step into the dark from which if there were a crash or a wreck there could be no survival either for the train, or plane crew or possibly for whole communities.

Then again, with all this production of atomic wastes going on there must be a point of super saturation with wastes which are usually very deadly isotopes and radiation materials themselves. Pumping them into concrete and sinking them in the ground, unfortunately, will eventually result in whole wide areas of contamination and destructive effects.

This was amply seen, but to a lesser degree, in the last century and first part of this one around zinc and other smelters where vegetation died for miles from fumes, which are nowhere near as deadly as are the radiations from the atomic plants.

The United States to some degree reminds me of the small boy who has a bean shooter and is threatening to whole gang, knowing that he certainly is going to get the stuffing knocked out of him if he does use the bean shooter on them. That's our position today.

Certainly some other plan might be worked out which would allow us all to live in the enormous spaces of the world, unoccupied, and to reclaim some of the waste spots available to man. Certainly, the British empire is big enough for all the Britons in the world. Certainly the great unoccupied areas of Siberia and other parts of the Red Empire are big enough for them. Certainly the United States is big enough to develop and occupy and use its own vast lands. So why quarrel with the other fellows?

Lying right off the coast of Florida is a tremendous archipelago of islands—the Bahamas. Many of them are 100 miles or so long. Good land, unknown and uncharted. Not even "jet" marine maps are any good for them.

# The Atomic Arms Race: Some Chills & Fever

Many thousands of lesser tales are there—unknown and uncharted. They may be bought or leased from the British crown and others. Yet we fight for zones of influence.

When people are crowded into cities, villages and small towns they get too acquisitive and jealous of each other. They get unhappy because they do not live right. This creates unhappiness. Too much for a few and too little for many.

So why develop the means of death further when the means of a better life would be so fine for us all!

—DR. WALDO H. JONES

## 'Dubious Assumption' Of Attorney General

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

"GRANKLY, your editorial today: 'Segregation: Device Challenge' is not a factual presentation of the situation discussed, based, as it is in part, upon the dubious presumption of the attorney general's office that it might be 'impractical to continue to employ' many of the 8,500 Negro teachers in the state."

If you wished to state the situation as it is, why did you not refer to Washington, D. C., for instance, where desegregation has



THE ARMY'S 280 MM. ATOMIC CANNON Bigger And Better?

been executed recently, rather than in areas in the North, which has passed for years? Your failure to do so is all the more glaring, because the story of desegregation in Washington, in which no Negro teachers were displaced, was recently published in The News.

We agree with your conclusion that "... whether public school segregation actually ends or not, North Carolina clearly must develop new employment fields for the Negro," but that conclusion means that some white people who are employed in non-segregated schools. For you must know that the "employment fields" in the North amount, in large measure, for the paucity of Negro teachers there; just as similar fields in the South account for the shortage of white teachers.

Moreover, are you suggesting that desegregation is preferred, the people will prefer unqualified white teachers, if available to qualified Negro teachers? It is possible that some white people would have that preference, but, if so, it is a lamentable indication of indifference to the demand for and need of better education in North Carolina. Besides, if the state would prefer to displace with its competent and available Negro teachers rather than integrate them in desegregated schools, it is absurd to suppose the state will find new jobs for them in other fields.

North Carolina has already lost thousands of its best Negro citizens, because of discrimination, and will lose many more, unless the situation is changed. The state ranks very low in educational facilities, due to poverty, and segregated schools contribute very little to that poverty. Segregation in any area of life is a luxury ("which the state cannot afford to a word," North Carolina and the South must face the fact that segregation in all areas is in its way out, and the whole nation must see to it that the people, or what we cherish as the "American Way of Life" will continue to be a statement of qualified means, one thing for white citizens and another for Negro citizens.

—WALTER R. LOVELL

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"Quit worryin'... if we get caught, we can blame it on comic books, movies, TV, and negligent parents..."

## Revision Urged

# Immigration Law Under Fire

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON IMMIGRATION, a stormy subject since Congress passed the Alien Act of 1798, remains so in the 84th Congress. The late Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) and Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.)—has been the subject of heated controversy since it first was proposed. In vetoing it, Truman said, among other things, that it "would perpetuate injustices of long standing."

In 1963 and again this year, President Eisenhower called the law "one of the most unjust and un-American pieces of legislation in our history." Most extensive change suggested is sponsored by two New York Congressmen (D-Nev.) and Rep. Emanuel Celler. They are backing a complete substitute for the McCarran-Walter act, which codified all existing

legislation on immigration, naturalization and nationality. What Lehan and Celler propose is a fundamentally new method for determining what types of immigrants and how many may enter the U. S. for permanent residence. Their plan calls for an overall annual quota equal to one-sixth of one per cent of the total U. S. population at the time with a ceiling of 25,000. But there would be no limit within this total on the number of immigrants from any one country.

In contrast, the 1952 law fixes a specific annual quota for each of 85 countries, the total being

154,697. Natives of the Western Hemisphere and husbands, wives and children of U. S. citizens may enter outside quotas, which were determined by the "national origins" system first adopted in 1924. Thus, any nation's quota is equal to one-sixth of one per cent of the number of persons in the U. S. in 1920 who were attributable to that national origin.

In addition to abolishing the national origins system of assigning quotas to various countries, the Lehan-Celler proposal calls for a new scale of preferences. Under the McCarran-Walter law one half of a nation's quota of immigrant visas are to go to aliens with special skills, another 30 per cent to parents of U. S. citizens, and 20 per cent to families of alien immigrants already admitted to the U. S.

The new proposal would reduce the allotment for skilled aliens to from 3 to 10 per cent, and set up two new categories: 15 to 25 per cent for persons seeking asylum from religious or political persecution, and 20 to 25 per cent for persons whose emigration from a country would be in the best interests of the U. S.

In an attempt to assess the outlook for proposals to overhaul the McCarran-Walter Act, CQ analyzed the vote by the House and Congress overrode Truman's veto. Of the 278 Representatives who voted to override, 223 just short of a 75 per cent majority—were in the 84th Congress, and of the 56 Senators who voted to override, 46 are still in office.

"We were selling more Sinclair gas and oil than had ever been sold in a state before or since," testified Mrs.

Powell. "We tripled the stock and equipment of the station and raised the number of employees from one to three. Nonetheless, Sinclair canceled the Powell's lease last Jan. 31. The Powells had to sell out and leave town."

Washington Pipeline Tax boss Coleman Andrews will track down U. S. citizens who have been dodging taxes overseas. He will open tax offices in London, Tokyo, Rome, Bonn and Mexico City. "Taxminders Union Boss Dave Beck is having so much trouble making up his mind how to decorate the offices in his new mill, he has had to have the mill decorated one office six times.

## My Brother's Keeper? Some Strife Believe It

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

I WOULD like to thank all the wonderful people who called, wrote, phoned and sent contributions to the man I wrote about in my letter to People's Platform, published March 16, who is dying of cancer. Also I would like to thank The Charlotte News for publishing same for the man, his family and myself.

My faith in people has been renewed all over again, and I am so glad to find that there still are so many wonderful people who still believe they are their brother's keeper.

—MRS. WADE ALLISON

## Add A Little Rum And It'll Come Out

Charlotte

OUR representative, Mr. E. M. O'Herron, has asked the public to speak out about the milk (bill) pricing.

The way I see it, that it sounds more and more like the Russians.

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