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Public Schools Sit On Middle Ground

THERE is one clear meaning in the continuing flow of events from the desegregated schools ruling, it is that the middle ground where the public schools can be preserved is steadily being narrowed by the voices and actions of extremists.

In his address to the people Gov. Hodges expressed fear the converging extremes would crush and destroy the system of public instruction. He laboriously and patiently erected over the years. The justification of that fear is clearly implied in subsequent happenings.

In Raleigh Tuesday, 356 North Carolina many of the more prominent citizens chartered Patriots of North Carolina Inc., to encourage the maintenance of the purity and culture of the white race and Anglo-Saxon institutions. To the extent state and civil authorities insist on the status quo in the schools, the organization said, it will support these authorities. The alternative opposition to any sort of accommodation of the Supreme Court ruling was made equally clear.

The right of these citizens to expression of their views and to an organization to advance them is unquestioned, but in exercising this right they assume a larger responsibility for the fate of the school system. Unfortunately the inflexible in their stated purpose suggests the same all-or-nothing attitude of the NAACP in its demand for immediate integration. The effect of their standards could be to complicate efforts of school boards to work out a solution of the problem.

The same fires are now being stirred by renewed activity of the Ku Klux Klan and by circulation of the private school plan as a panacea for the school problem.

Field Shakes Down At Myers Park

OUT IN Myers Park amongst the umbrellas, law packs and Bermuda shorts, they're having a golf tournament this week.

All across the country people are watching the programs of the best lady amateur players in the world, for the USA's Women's Amateur Championship is the Big One on the links.

This is a World Series, a Davis Cup match, a Central-Harding scrap in our sport.

We're more than proud that Charlotte was chosen to play host to such an affair. We feel mighty warm about the intended toward the fine women playing here and extend to them our best wishes.

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"Gather together a quorum of five average British people, men or women, and they will immediately form up in line astern, and in a few minutes the train lamp-post near by they automatically form up to it."

The writer was inspired by a newspaper report that hundreds of passengers with reserved seats had lined up in a railroad station an hour before the train was scheduled to depart. Another correct

Dick Emmons In The Wall Street Journal

HOW TO MAKE CHILDREN EAT VEGETABLES

ON THE THEORY that if we can get our children to eat vegetables they will one day grow big and strong enough to mow the lawn, my wife and I have lately taken new measures in the Fight to Get Food Down.

One of the things we've done is to vary the containers in which the nutrition is served and I can report with some pride that three stalks of asparagus were consumed the other night when presented in thin-stemmed rose vases.

We were further encouraged by a wild though temporary scramble for Brussels sprouts when my wife brought them to the table in a souvenir seashell from the Chicago World Fair. Similarly irresistible, we find, is squash served in a goldfish bowl and green peas rolled onto the table from a dice shaker.

Where we once had to resort to forced feeding methods (food rammed into mouth, pressure exerted under chin and top of head), sucotash is now an instant hit when slipped through a short length of garden hose. It is my further boast that I have yet to see any of the children spurn broccoli offered in the car's hub-caps.

Of course, the system does not always work with older children. In the last few days our seven-year-old happily blown the beet out of the bell end of my old cornet and whacked her little fist into the pocket of a catcher's mitt which, at the time, was filled with stewed tomatoes.

However well-intentioned the die-hard sentiment may be, it offers only negative answers to the over-riding question of how to preserve the schools. Only men of moderation who are willing to patiently seek a meeting of minds, to strive for gradual adjustment within the spirit of the law can assure continuing public education.

U. S. District Judge Ashton H. Williams has this in mind in rapping both the Ku Klux Klan and the NAACP this week. Commenting on reported threats by both organizations, Judge Williams said, "our country is controlled by laws, and it is only through legal processes that any permanent gains can be made." The school matter, he said, "can be worked out by the independent white and colored people" if an "intelligent approach is used." This type of approach is most apt to come from the elected school officials of the state who by reason of knowledge and a sense of duty to the schools and the law are qualified to propose solutions.

Attorney General W. B. Rodman anchored the private school balloon to reality with his warning that Tar Heels cannot assume that school segregation can be continued in private schools supported by public funds. He said there is grave doubt any such plan would meet a court test. The present implication then of private schools is that only the minority that could foot the bill for the high cost of such schools could be educated.

All citizens and organizations would do well to concentrate their interests in their own communities and to encourage men of good will in both races to recognize the primacy of preserving public education.

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We'd like to be specific and tip our sunshade to the promoters, to the Myers Park Country Club and to the workers. In particular we'd like to nod toward Mrs. Aggie Morton Cocke, our lone but defeated entry, to venerable Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page, the inflexible pro from Chapel Hill, and to Miss Barbara Romack, the defending champion who bowed out gracefully and skillfully.

At this point we wouldn't know a favorite from a caddy and we don't have a pet in the field.

We just want to sit back and enjoy the show now that the field has been shaken down.

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Platform Mental Health Cause Needs Aid Of Civilian Army

Remember, the white race is the one who has helped Negroes ever since they came into this part of the world. How many wars has the Negro race fought in for the freedom of this land? HATED CONCEALED If there is all the hatred mentioned between the races, it must be concealed in Negro hearts or in their NAACP outfits. We, the white race, are still friends of the Negro if they feel they don't need any help or friends from the white race anymore. Let me warn them again. Don't destroy the bridge that has brought you across this far in life and progress. Don't bite the hand that feeds you, and continue to grasp the hand of friendship. NOT ENEMIES Don't let anyone come South and plant in your minds that we, the white race, are your enemies. You should know better than that. You know that you have your churches, schools, homes, farms, cars, bank accounts and anything else you want, the same as the white race. We, the white race, did not advance in culture today by going to a court to solve our problems. We got together and worked out a plan for the good of all. If we have a problem I believe we should come together and try to solve it in peace instead of getting those who are not interested in our affairs or care anything about the South, the white race or the Negro. -J. A. GRAHAM

past and hope to in the future, should now be made to feel they are squatters. I must feel that you want to be fair but I think that you have stretched the blanket just a little in your editorial mentioned. I hope that you will feel inclined to correctly inform the people of our fair city just who is paying for what. EASY TO SPEND I have never been out to the new air terminal building. It has been told that it is the "ultra" in luxury and appointments. Yes, it is easy to spend the other fellow's money. I suppose that you have assumed I am a railroad employee. That is correct and I stick by my friends and were I a News employee I would fight just as zealously for their rights. I thought they had been misrepresented. I think the picture has been somewhat distorted. -R. C. BOLEN

Whites Have Helped Negro To Progress

Editors: The News, Newark, N. J. AT THIS TIME we take the time to try to reply to some of the pro and con I have been reading in the papers. Now that Negro claims how bad he has been treated by the white race here in the South. We, the white race, did not advance in culture today by going to a court to solve our problems. We got together and worked out a plan for the good of all. If we have a problem I believe we should come together and try to solve it in peace instead of getting those who are not interested in our affairs or care anything about the South, the white race or the Negro. -J. A. GRAHAM

Clear Statement On Free Speech

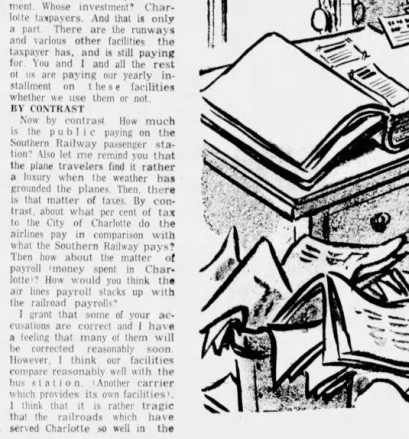
Editors: The News, Lincoln, Neb. THANK you for the very fine, concise, and clear statement "Don't Close The Other Fellow's Mouth" and reprinted on page 72 of the September issue of The Democratic Digest. -HENRY M. COX

It's Not Like The Good Old Days

Quoting him further he has this to say concerning education: "This division of the races is an advantage to us as a people, insofar as it permits us to become teachers of our own people. No better discipline can be given to a people than that which they gain by educating their own teachers. They can have no greater opportunity than that of developing within themselves the ideals of their people which are not based merely in law, but in fact, the masters of their own fates." -F. H. DELLINGER JR.

Be Fair About Rail Terminal

Editors: The News, Charlotte. IN YOUR lead editorial Monday, Aug. 15, "The Scarce in Dupont" Charlotte, you do not think you delivered a blow just a little below the belt? Especially by comparing the Southern Railway passenger station to the glittering \$1,200,000 air terminal building at Douglas Airport. As you know, this airport building represents a heavy investment. Who is investing? Charlotte taxpayers. And that is only a part. There are the runways and various other facilities. The taxpayer and he still pays for it. You and I and all the rest of us are paying our yearly installment on these facilities whether we use them or not. BY CONTRAST Now by contrast how much is a public bill paying on the Southern Railway passenger station? Also let me remind you that the plane travelers find it rather a luxury when the weather has grounded the planes. Then there is that matter of taxes. By contrast about what per cent of taxes to the City of Charlotte do the airlines pay in comparison with what the Southern Railway pays? Then how about the matter of payroll money spent in Charlotte. How much money do the airlines payroll stacks up with the railroad payroll? I grant that some of your accusations are correct and I have a feeling that many of them will be corrected reasonably soon. So, I think it is rather tragic to compare reasonably well with the bus station. (Another carrier which provides its own facilities.) I think that it is rather tragic that the railroads which have served Charlotte so well in the



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Ellender's Record On Sugar Legislation

WASHINGTON August 17, this column published an account of the manner in which Sen. Allen Ellender of Louisiana, had endeavored to pass a sugar bill through Congress revising import quotas on future sugar consumption. New Bill The column stated that although the sugar quota bill had a long year to run, Sen. Ellender was vigorous in his demand that a new sugar bill be passed. Simultaneously he purchased from the South American Sugar Co. four acres of choice land for \$2,500 an acre, a price at which others in the town of Houma could not buy. The sugar company was willing to sell to its friend Sen. Ellender, but not to them. The sugar company's president was among the legislators before Sen. Ellender for his sugar bill. It was suggested in this column that the purchase of choice land from a company that was pushing a change in sugar quotas before Sen. Ellender's committee might be some kind of conflict of interest which caused Harold Talbot's exit from the Cabinet. No one is to come to light which make it necessary to apologize to Sen. Ellender. Apology To Ellender I have now learned that the senator from Louisiana did some surprising things in the sugar bill. First he threatened Congressman Harold Cooley,

Negro Writing Ticket To Educational Ruin

Editors: The News, Charlotte. I HAVE heard the subject of integration agued pro and con until I feel led to quote to the Negroes of North Carolina and the nation the very wise words of some of their own leaders. The following is from Davis Lee, publisher of the Newark, N. J., Telegram. CAN ATTEND "Integration in the schools of the North and East is not a novel thing. A Negro can attend most of the schools up here and get an education but few of the states that educate him will hire him as a teacher. The State of Connecticut doesn't have 25 Negro teachers. Recently I visited Albany, the capital of New York State, and learned that the city employs only three Negro teachers. ONLY 70 "Our city, Newark, with Negroes comprising 20 per cent of the population, employs 2,200 teachers, but only 20 of them are Negroes, and we don't have one Negro principal. Northern in these integrated states do Negroes set anywhere near proportionate representation. Every device is employed to keep qualified Negroes from being assigned. This is not true of the South. The State of Georgia employs 7,212 Negro teachers and paid them close to \$15,000,000 in salaries last year. North Carolina paid its Negro teachers over \$22,000,000 last year. If the states that are now pouring millions of dollars annually into the Negro pockets are forced to abandon the segregated schools, 75 per cent of the Negro teachers in the South will lose their jobs. Not only that, but approximately 20,000 Negro principals will lose their jobs as well. THE BEGINNING This present movement to end segregation in the schools is merely the beginning of a well held plan to end completely segregation in everything in the South. If this happens the Negro will be thrown directly into com-

petition with the white race and our business institutions will crumble. "Right now the Southern Negro is in a better spot educationally, politically and economically than are Negroes any place else in the world. Better relations are continually improving. Every day more southerners are recognizing the Negro as a man and according him respect which he merits, but the southern Negro himself can do more about improving his conditions than courts, legislation or pressure groups."

A REMINDER I should like to remind the Negroes as related to education and the Negro in the South. I should like to remind the Negroes as related to education and the Negro in the South. I should like to remind the Negroes as related to education and the Negro in the South. I should like to remind the Negroes as related to education and the Negro in the South.

GREAT AMERICAN I would like to quote another man who was undoubtedly one of our great Americans, Booker T. Washington. "In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, yet just as the hands in all things essential to mutual progress. The wisest among my race understand that the agitation of questions of social equality is the extremist folly, and that progress in the eyes of the world is the progress that will come to us must be the result of severe and constant struggle rather than indulgence or surrender."

Keep Separate Of State, Church Editors: The News, Maxton. ANSWER to the writer of a letter about there being nothing blue about blue laws so that the warden why any law that is passed to force observance of Sunday being called blue laws, I'd like to speak up for those who believe in separation of church and state. We live in a wonderful country with a republic that grants us the freedom to worship or not to worship as we choose. I think that God wanted it that way for giving us the power choice—either we would have been just robots. That is why He permitted sin to exist for us to see the results of our choice. I have drawn to obedience through love, not force. There is also the question: Is Sunday the Sabbath? The Commandments say the seventh day. And we know that Sunday is the first day. Where is the Commandment that says we should keep the Sabbath? I haven't found it. Instead I've found there is condemnation for those who do not change any of the Ten Commandments. Matt. 23:23, James 2:10-12, Hebrews 4 and others like Matt. 15:19. Let's keep the principles on which our country was founded. -MRS. NELL C. GRUBBS

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