

# Excerpts From Address By Gov. Luther Hodges

Following are excerpts from Gov. Hodges' speech on segregation in the schools and his reaction to the Supreme Court ruling. "We are not looking at the situation squarely and directly. Let us realize with full knowledge that if we are not able to succeed in a program of voluntary separate school attendance, the State with the next year will be forced to face with deciding the issue of whether it shall have some form of integrated public schools or shall abandon its public schools.

"And let me express something here with all the seriousness of which I am capable:

"Citizens or organizations that attempt to force us to desist from this issue will, in my opinion, have done North Carolina the greatest disservice ever done in the 150 years of its existence as a state.

"Most of us in North Carolina are tired of our way of life and when I say 'most of us' I speak as Governor of all the people of the State — Negroes and whites.

"I am not ashamed of the opportunities that we have labored so hard to provide for both races. I am not ashamed of the fact that we need not, and it is my belief, do not consider themselves second-rate citizens because they go to their own schools, any more than they consider themselves second-rate Christians because they go to their own churches.

"I would like, for the next few minutes, to address a few remarks directly to the citizens of North Carolina who are members of the Negro race.

"You Negro citizens have every right to be proud of your progress in North Carolina and of your fathers and mothers before you, in accordance with your economic ability, have taken an admirable part in the struggle for the public schools of the state.

"Your race has made great contributions to North Carolina and to the nation. In various fields of endeavor.

**CITIES FRIENDSHIP**

"The success of these leaders was accomplished not over any protests of the white race, but in most cases grew out of the devoted friendship and assistance of white citizens.

"I doubt that there is one among you who is not personally familiar with numerous instances in which white citizens of your community have extended a helping hand to Negro citizens in the struggle for something the Negro citizens sought to accomplish.

"Nor has this sort of thing been limited to whites in the State. The Negroes in our State have also made their contributions to members of the white race. In other words, in North Carolina the races have lived together in a friendly relationship of mutual helpfulness which has been a source of great pride to all of us throughout the nation.

"Our state has thereby moved forward and the Negro race has made the most outstanding progress of any race in all history.

"In spite of this outstanding record of good race relations here in North Carolina, we are being made the object of a campaign by an organization in the North determined to destroy our interracial friendship and divide us into camps of racial antagonism.

"This organization is known as the NAACP, and apparently it has declared enemy of the principle that the Negro race can take care of its own children as well as can any other race.

"This selfish and militant organization, seeking to promote its ideas of social equality, has used every means at its command to convince you that you cannot develop your own culture within your own race and that you must be ashamed of your color and your history by hating it.

"Furthermore, I am convinced that any organization which honestly sought the welfare of your race as a race would not conduct such a course of action.

"The policies formulated by leaders of this organization tend to create the only kind of situation in which an organization such as it can survive — that is, one of distrust, antagonism, resentment and confusion.

"If the leaders of the NAACP ever allow you to make it clear that you have faith and confidence in the ability and competence of your own schools and that you are teachers by refusing to demand admission to schools attended by white children, the principal reason for the existence of their organization in North Carolina would end.

"In conclusion, let me put the issue to you substantially as it was put in a recent editorial appearing in one of the state's newspapers — that is, purely on the basis of your self-interest in your own children. Put on this basis, your problem was the problem of your race leaders is this:

"How can you get the best education for your children? You do it by mixing them in the public schools through force of law and risking the abandonment of the public schools, or by separating them by attending separate schools by choice?

**SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE**

"The choice is for voluntary separate school attendance, you can count on as good as good an education for your children as

they are getting now. If your past experience is any teacher, your schools will become progressively better as facilities are increased and teachers are improved.

"On the other hand, if your answer is integration by force of law with the attendant risks, no program knows how much education the children of either race will get. How good the schools will be or whether there will be any at all are matters dependent upon the human factors which no law can forestall with certainty.

"Certain it is, however, that the white citizens of this State will resist integration strenuously, and successfully, and probably with growing bitterness.

"Resist what? Let the form of delay of every kind so long as possible. How long will that be? That depends on many factors including the judges and the determination and resourcefulness of both sides.

"Abolition of the public schools and their replacement to a most uncertain extent by private ones — a large and important factor in the future. If that weapon is ever used, it will be applied to the poor and the Negro citizens. Generations of both races will suffer by it immeasurably, and it is likely that the Negro citizens will suffer most.

"North Carolina's public education system is the pride and prop of the state and it must be preserved if we want to continue to make progress. It is founded on the principle of equal education for all. But if that foundation is weakened or shattered by tearing down the public schools, the thing radically different from what it is now, nobody knows what will happen to the schools.

"To allow any militant and selfish organization to stampee you into refusal to go along with the program of integration and to refuse to cooperate in this effort to save our public school system would be to consider as endangering the education of your children and as denying the integrity of the Negro race by refusing to remain in association with it.

"Let there be no mistake or misunderstanding about this thing. Those who would force this state to choose between integrated and segregated schools and the public school system will be responsible if in the choice we lose the public school system for which North Carolina has fought so hard and find to our eternal sorrow, the personal lives of our children and the lives of our race have avoided so successfully.

"We must as white and Negroes work together to solve this problem. Men of both races of good will and faith will be needed and must be in the majority.

"In addressing some of my remarks directly to the Negro citizens of this state, I do so to the end of making the most outstanding progress of any race in all history.

"On the other hand, we perhaps have the greatest responsibility of all, and the manner in which we discharge this responsibility is what I would like to discuss with you for the next few minutes.

"Let us, including myself, have at one time or another expressed the conviction that the Negro race in the North Carolina would, if left free from agitation and undue influence, prefer to have their children in the public schools.

**AGITATION HURTS**

"If there were no agitation it is my continued belief that our problems would be solved. However, we may as well recognize at the outset that there is and will be agitation.

"This means then that our job, yours and mine and the Negro citizens, will be to overcome the effects of this agitation. The way we can do this is by using every proper means to convince our Negro citizens that we are sincere in our desire to have them in the public schools as well as it is to the white race. We must achieve this program in the shortest time possible.

"Never let it be charged that there is any coercion in our efforts since, of course, if there is coercion there can be no voluntary program.

"I am convinced that a system of separate schools for the races is in the best interest of us all and I pledge to you that I will exert every effort to maintain such a system. We all want to preserve our public schools. They have been the backbone of our progress — social and economic. It would be a tragedy if anyone forced us to abandon them.

"If we can keep this attitude we will be changing our beliefs and our public school system intact. It is my intention to do this. It is my intention to do this. It is my intention to do this.

Models of American irrigation systems were shown at the 1955 World's Fair in Seattle, Wash. It was the first time the United States Government had participated.



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## UA 'Business Sponsor Census Set

Some 2,400 firms with ten or more employees will be contacted Thursday and Friday by volunteers from the 26 United Appeal Business Sponsors. The survey will be made Thursday and Friday.

## Bue Law Talk Likely To Arise

Official notice of the possibility of reopening the question of relaxation of the city's Sunday laws was sent to protesting ministers today.

Mayor Van Every telephoned the office of the Rev. Lee Tuttle, pastor of First Methodist Church, who was one of the speakers in opposition to Sunday law relaxation.

This is the first time that the controversy surrounding Sunday law has arisen during this administration and it was not known to day how the matter will be resolved by the incumbent council.

## Police Investigating Series Of Break-Ins

A series of break-ins in the city were reported by police yesterday morning. The break-ins were reported by police yesterday morning.

At 3:30 p.m. yesterday Samuel Thomas, operator of the Donna Club, 1615 S. Main St., told police someone had broken the padlock on the front door and taken \$100 in cash from a picnic inside.

The church's reported break-in through a rear window, Catherine Bloomfield, owner, told police someone had broken into the church, which is located at 2001 the Avenue Ave., and taken a record player.

A break-in at the DuPont warehouse, 1011 W. Palmer St., was reported by manager Fleet Green yesterday morning. He said a person had broken into the warehouse and taken a record player.

The decision to cooperate with the evacuation exercise was reached by the merchants' board after Charles Cullen, director of Civil Defense here, explained the plan.

The board met in the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Co. main headquarters building, E. K. Graham.

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Mr. Graham believes that his series featuring on the continent will come in Paris.

## CITY BRIEFS

A WORKSHOP on 4H Club records was held this morning by Mrs. Fred Wagner, state 4H Club leader, for members and leaders.

The Hickory Grove Home Demonstration Club meets tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the community house.

How supply and demand give rise to national price structure was described last night by C. E. Stevenson of Union National Bank. He spoke to the Carver College Social Science class on "The Meaning of Inflation."

Mrs. J. P. Creighton of Charlotte has been named "for parent" for a nine-year-old Greek girl, Maria Athanassiou.

Through the Foster Plan for War Children Inc., New York City, Mrs. Creighton's "adoption" of Maria creates a contractual bond of 18 months and packages of food and clothing periodically.

Mrs. Paul A. Talbot of 104 West Blvd. is a patient in Mercy Hospital where she underwent surgery last Wednesday. She is allowed to have visitors.

The House Family reunion will be held Sunday at the home of J. M. Hargis and relatives in Hickory Grove. Friends and relatives are invited to attend and bring a picnic basket.

The reunion will honor J. M. Hargis whose birthday is Monday.

The progress made by the stocker association in industry as well as a sport was discussed by Bill France, president of the National Association of Stock Car Auto Races.

Mr. France spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Charlotte Engineers Club.

The Charlotte Rotary Club will host a luncheon at the Mecklenburg-Gaston County line.

Mr. Dockery states that it would have to be definitely determined whether the violation was committed in Gaston or Mecklenburg, and the individual charged with the violation would be taken to court.

The legality of a Mecklenburg officer pursuing a violator into Gaston was questioned under the existing bill.

**PROVIDES RULES**

The bill under which Mecklenburg commissioners are attempting to make the Catawba waterway safer provides that motor boats and other craft operating on water within the state shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the State Board of Motor Vehicle Safety.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Legals**

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner, Alton T. Nathan, Alton T. Nathan, Director of First National Bank, 100 N. Main St., Charlotte, N.C. 28201. Phone 3-1000. Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

**Flowers & Plants**

ROSEMARY FLORAL CO., 100 N. Main St., Charlotte, N.C. 28201. Phone 3-1000. Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

**Funeral Directors**

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**Service Man**

Needed to install and repair electrical wiring in homes and businesses. Call 3-1000.

**Wanted**

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## EMPLOYMENT

**Female Help**

SECRETARY — Permanent position with law firm in Johnson City, N.C. Salary \$100 per month. Experience required. Salary commensurate with experience. For application, call 3-1000.

**EXPERIENCED WAITRESS**

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WANTED YOUNG MAN, H. & A. graduate, familiar with electrical materials. As stock room clerk. For more information, call 3-1000.

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