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### Beware Of Segregation's Bogs

SEGREGATION is a sore subject but it is hardly North Carolina's only educational ache.

That is the reason a Sept. 27 conference here on public school problems looms so large on the community's 1955 agenda.

It is one of six regional meetings to be held across the state in preparation for the White House Conference on Education. It is also a way for plain ordinary people to do something about a domestic crisis.

The state's racial predicament cannot be kept under wraps at the meeting. Necessarily, the handling of this delicate matter will directly affect the way Tar Heel communities approach just about every school need.

But arguments over segregation should not be permitted to hamstring the conference as it approaches the real picture.

These are some of the questions that frame that picture:

What should our schools accomplish?

In what ways can we organize our schools more efficiently and economically?

### Egoheads In The Political Dustbin

A DREADFUL thing is about to happen to the dictionary of American politics. Its newest word, one with a venom long since expired from the oral verbal crucibles that lump from our campaign to the next, is about to be smothered in respectability. The word is *egohead* and the culprit who is going to de-fuse it is GOP Chairman Leonard Hall.

For years on end, the political dictionary has been a veritable dustbin, filled with such crotchety old words as *blather*, *demagoguery*, *vituperation*, *verbal heave*, *scolding* and *revelation*, that bounced off the hides of seasoned campaigners like the puffball they had become through monotonous scatter-gun usage.

Then in 1952 News Columnist Stewart Alsop introduced *egohead*, a word not only capable of stirring deep emotion but fitted also to champion definition. At first the word connoted the polished collocation attitude—manifested both in education and dress—of some of the men around Adlai Stevenson. But it later became a symbol of intellectuals in general and gained greater acceptance through sneering, derisive batty of the anti-intellectuals.

To Louis Bromfield, a man with some affection for Joseph R. McCarthy, *egohead* was a "wonderful new expression" meaning "a professor of intellectual pretensions, often a professor or the protégé of a professor... superficial in approach to any problem... feminine... supercilious... surfeited

### An Answer To The Sexcast Blast

WE PREDICT only stormy weather for the Oklahoma meteorologist who thinks female charms should not be revealed on television weather broadcasts.

Weather is at best a bleak and dreary subject. It requires no press agency when the gusts are 120 miles an hour and the rain gauge reads six inches (are you listening, Ione?). But how about those plain old hot and cold running days that crowd the calendar and dull the senses? What a bore they would be without shapely misses like CBS-TV's Carol Reed to supply the heat waves.

But William E. Hardy, head of Oklahoma A&M's meteorology department has the gall to complain that sexy lady announcers have "lowered the standing of the meteorological profession in the eyes of the public."

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From The Greensboro Daily News

### ONE FOR THE BIRDS

IN A READABLE and at times poetic piece on the approach of fall, the Roanoke, Va., Times gets along with its citation of autumnal portents until it reaches the ornithological area.

Therein our Old Dominion contemporary notes:

You detect a subtle change in the habits of the birds. Already there is a new note in their song and some of them, such as the house wren, seem to have departed. The blackbirds are congregating in flocks, preparatory to moving on. All of which leaves us wondering if birds' habits and schedules are any different across the line from what they are in Tarheelia. As for blackbirds which are congregating for their southern migration, that general term covers any number of species. Grackles always stay congregated, taking over your front side or backyard and sounding, in the aggregate, like so many rusty hinges grating. The redwing blackbird is given to marsh grass and such; and we doubt if the high lands of the Roanoke environs attract them in noticeable abundance.

Could it be that the T.V. has blackbirds confused with the various kinds of swallows, which do lead off in gathering for the fall and winter exodus and are already crowding rural telephone wires and other avian parking lots which cater to gregariousness?

What are our school building needs? How can we get enough good teachers—and keep them?

How can we finance our schools—build and operate them?

How can we obtain a continuing public interest in education?

Here are questions that must be answered—and soon. They are, individually, too important to be caught in the emotional bogs of the segregation issue and distorted.

For instance, Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent, reminded Charlotteans yesterday that by 1960 the nation's high school population alone will be increased by 50 per cent. "And we in Charlotte will probably have a greater increase because we are growing faster than the national average," he added.

The job is not just one for bricks and mortar. It is one for ideas, too. Americans are committed to the highest possible quality of education for all. This ambitious goal is not to be taken lightly.

It involves the basic element of our national strength and security—our children.

### Turnabout

With conceit... a doctrine... supporter of middle-European socialism... a self-conscious prig... a bleeding heart to create the *egoheads*.

Campaign armor just isn't made tough enough to reflect such a taunting, multiple insult as that, and the result has been some lively hassles and debates with Mr. Truman's GOP dinosaurs trying to erode the *egoheads*.

All this is going to be changed however. The GOP is going to cut in on Stevenson's corner on intellectuals, says Chairman Hall.

"We're not looking for people who can write on still haven't made our position clear on some of the major issues of the (1956) campaign and we're going to mobilize the people in the universities and elsewhere who can do the job."

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WE NOTE that a Chapel Hill professor has been elected president of the Patriotic Order of North Carolina, a pro-segregation group. What a blow this must be to those who always tag Chapel Hill a hotbed of communism. Does this mean that Chapel Hill "Reds" will burn a hammer and sickle on his front lawn?

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During molting, the birds are still with us all right, but they're quiet and unseem, sticking to the thick shrubbery or under cover because they evidently are ashamed of or embarrassed by their bedraggled appearance and need to conserve their strength which is sapped by shedding the old and growing the new feather, for the long trip ahead.

Generally they have completed their re-dressing, regained their strength and emerge, several weeks before taking off for warmer clime and more plentiful food supply, when September is well advanced and even early October may be with us. They are around meanwhile but they take pains to see that you do not know it.

And as for wrens, both house and Carolina, we don't know how it is in Virginia mountain country, but they are with us the year around, big as life, loud as all outdoor song, and they're even the most dismal weather with their lusty cheeriness.

Somewhat we feel that our Virginia contemporary would do well to take another bird-eye view of this particular situation.

Air force officials note that expectant fathers in uniform develop strange medical and behavior patterns. In case the brass doesn't know, the symptoms become most severe when the stark starts to call the tower.—MATTOON (ILL.) JOURNAL-GAZETTE.

Junior—"Gee, pop, there's a man at the circus who jumps on a horse's back, slips under its tail, catches hold of its tail, and finishes up wrong-side-up on the horse's neck." Dad—"That's nothing, son. I did all that the first time I ever was on a horse!"—GREENVILLE (TENN.) SUN.

By JOSEPH ALSOP

A REPORT that has been presented to the National Security Council, the Soviet Union is now overtaking the United States in the atomic weapons race.

As of now, this report's estimate of the frequently over-estimated "American lead" may be expected to become a Soviet lead in the period 1960-1965.

ROCKET SUPREMACY The basis of this estimate is the expectation that in 1960-1965, the Soviet Union will enjoy a decided superiority in intercontinental ballistic missiles. These are the multi-stage rockets that will be able to carry A- or H-bomb warheads, at speeds of many thousands of miles an hour through the upper air, from Russian launching sites to American targets.

The report that the National Security Council now has before it also includes recommendations reversing this unfavorable trend in the Soviet-American balance of power. But these recommendations will be difficult, if not impossible, to implement without upsetting the administration's present budgetary and fiscal policies.

Such, it can now be revealed, are the essential results of the most important and intensive high level study of the relative curves of Soviet and American armed strength that has yet been attempted. The study was made by the Killian Committee, so called from its chairman, the president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. James B. Killian Jr.

The committee, which included both leaders of science and leaders of industry, was set up by the National Security Council in 1949, at the direction of President Eisenhower, in the troubled aftermath of the second American H-bomb explosion at Eniwetok in the spring of 1954.

Technically, the Killian Committee was a subcommittee of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee, in which Dr. Killian served under the chairmanship of Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, president of the California Institute of Technology. In practice, the Killian Committee was virtually another name for the Scientific Advisory Committee, with the chairmanship temporarily transferred from Dr. DuBridge to Dr. Killian, and with a number of additional members co-opted for this special study.

Besides Dr. Killian and Dr. DuBridge, among those who served were Dr. Norris E. Bradbury, director of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Dr. Charles L. L. Rabi, professor of physics and chief scientific adviser to the Atomic Energy Commission; Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, also MIT; Dr. James B. Fisk, president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories; Bruce S. Roberts, of the University of California; and Dr. Arthur D. Little, Inc. Dr. Robert C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Electric Co., and Charles A. Thomas, president of Monsanto Chemical Co., were also members.

CONCLUSIONS The foregoing is only a partial list of the full members of the committee. In addition, large numbers of other eminent experts were employed as consultants, so that a total of about 100 of the highly qualified men in this country joined, in one way or another, in the Killian Committee's work.

The committee was given complete access to all the huge mass of information available to the American government. It labored for many months, twice requesting and twice receiving extensions of the deadline that the National Security Council had originally set for its report.

UNANIMOUS REPORT In the end, rather more than two months ago, the committee laid before the President a unanimous report, with no significant dissent on any point. It was transmitted by President Eisenhower to the National Security Council. The NSC then passed on the report to a narrowly restricted circle of policy-makers in the State Department, the Defense Services and the Central Intelligence Agency. The policymakers' comments and recommendations must be debated and decided when the President returns to Washington.

Such is the background and history of this disturbing document. Here are the conclusions it has reached. The Killian Committee to the somewhat bleak conclusions set forth above.

THE FIRST FACTOR, which is almost old hat but by now was the continuous build-up of the Soviet A- or H-bombing industry. Although by no means so great as the American stockpile, the Soviet stockpile of weapons of absolute destruction is still becoming great enough to be decisive. With both great powers enjoying relative nuclear plenty, the most important measure of the balance between them, of course, becomes the capability of delivering the absolute weapons, rather than the number of those weapons in stock.

The second factor, which was long suspected and finally positively confirmed by the so-called Moscow overflights last spring, was the massive Soviet production of intercontinental ballistic missile-jet bombers and D night and day jet fighters.

The Russian strategic air force is being rapidly re-equipped with "Bisons" and "Badgers," which are the new Russian B-32-like and B-47-like bombers. This process is continually improving the Soviet capability of striking at the United States. The rapid re-equipping of the Soviet Air Force Command with the new Russian day and night fighters, the "Bison" and "Badger," is proportionately reducing the American strategic air power and atomic bombs. In this phase, the American bargaining position was greatly superior to the Soviet bargaining position in all international dealings.

TRANSITION The second phase, in which we now find ourselves is a transitional phase. For the present, although the Kremlin's move, age lost anything like unchallenged superiority, this country still has the edge in strength. Therefore this country still possesses many well have produced a prototype by that date.

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In America, the Eisenhower administration has stepped out on missile development, and very important successes have already been achieved with the shorter range missiles. Yet even today the American guided missile effort is essentially organized on a business-as-usual basis.

It is not excluded that the United States will have an intercontinental missile by 1960. The Air Force's ATLAS project, for a line intercontinental ballistic missile, or the NAVAJA project, for a long-range ram-jet missile, are now being developed.

On the other hand, this American edge is constantly being narrowed by the improvements in the Soviet Strategic Air Force and Air Defense Command above. Obviously, it is only prudent for the Soviets to promote a general relationship in weapons effort and alertness, pending the moment when the international bargaining position will change.

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### IMPLEMENTATION

The Killian Committee's recommendations for altering the projection of Soviet and American curves of strength are not known in detail. They take the form, apparently, of proposals for revision of the first NSC directive of 1955—the first NSC paper of each year, according to custom, being a broad blueprint for the year's defense program.

It is quite clear, however, that implementation of the Killian Committee's recommendations will necessitate a pretty sharp reversal of present fiscal and budgetary trends. A major intensification of the long-range guided missile effort, for example, would show up primarily in the form of increases in the Air Force's Research and Development expenditures. This is because the intercontinental missile projects are within the province of the Air Research and Development Command.

At present, the Air Force's research and development outlays ought to be currently increased by \$200 million. At present, the Air Force's research and development outlays ought to be currently increased by \$200 million.

Any real, all-out, Manhattan District-style effort to build intercontinental missiles would certainly require authority to let contracts well above the \$500 million in the current fiscal year. And it would equally certainly have far more volcanic effects on next year's important budget.

HIGH COSTS By the same token the Killian Committee's recommendations for improvement in America's air defense are bound to be enormously costly if implemented. For these recommendations, the extremely able Robert Sprague of the Air Force Research and Development Command, under secretary of the Air Force, would have the primary responsibility.

At present, both the day and night fighters of the American Air Force, which are now being obsolescent, if not actually, obsolete, when measured against the Soviet fighters, are at least in a state of obsolescence. Hence a crash effort is required to produce the superior American F-102 and F-104 fighters, which are now being received in very small flocks.

Moreover, although the so-called "Bison" and "Badger" bombers, which are now being received in very small flocks, are at present in the Canadian Far North, no provision has as yet been made for their deployment to the United States. There is nowhere to put aircraft and missiles which can respond to the Soviet long-range warning, by knocking down attackers remote from their target. Such bases will be very costly, and added units will be needed to station on the bases if the bases are authorized and built.

Then again, there is a theoretical possibility of an anti-air missile with the range and speed to intercept and destroy intercontinental ballistic missiles before they re-enter the earth's atmosphere. An all-out, Manhattan District-style effort to produce such defensive missiles must be such in a small way, of course. But from the start, such an effort will constitute a commitment to an immense double burden in the future. Both offensive and defensive long-range missiles will have to be produced in quantity, and launching sites and expensive manpower to stand ready to fire both kinds of birds will be needed too.

In short, if the projections of the Killian Report are correct, the report demands a series of drastic choices. Furthermore, the time scale covered by the Killian Report's projections is very short, in terms of the slow process of weapons development and weapons production.

Hence, the choices cannot easily be delayed until next year or the year after. Putting off implementing the Killian Report's recommendations will be another way, in fact, of rejecting those recommendations. For the loss of time means the loss of opportunity to change the present Soviet and American strength curves.

AMERICA'S MATADOR ZOOMS SKWARD Too Little Too Late?



## People's Platform

### Juvenile Delinquency: Was It Discouraged?

Editors, The News: Charlotte

I HAVE been reading Howard Whitman's series "Parent-Child Relations" in The News and was particularly interested in the one on juvenile delinquency. I would like to ask your readers a question. How are we going to stop delinquency if the courts do nothing to help? I read in your paper a few months ago where a bunch of Brooklyn teenagers was convicted of beating and criminally assaulting a Negro woman and received a sentence of 90 days on the roads. A few days ago I read where several other teenage boys in another section faced similar charges and received 30 days on the roads. I would like someone to tell me if these were steps to encourage or discourage juvenile delinquency.

—PINK MICHAEL

### Many Don't Approve Of Graham's Policy

Editors, The News: Lynchburg, Va.

ON OUR travels we remained in order to see the beautiful and most marvelous work of man, the new auditorium and adjoining building.

To my family and myself, we were really disappointed that one Billy Graham was given the big time spot. Many and I repeat many people do not believe in the complete gospel of Graham, nor his policies. Further, it is too bad that the church is bigger than our government, such as shown Sunday, when this same Billy Graham, was placed over the governor and the government men of your fair city.

—H. B. MORGAN

### A Nomination For Billy Graham

Editors, The News: Forest City

WHILE the Democrats and Republicans are hunting the next President, let's look at the facts about Billy Graham. He is a man who has led a team in history that a nation needed God that time is now. Our nation has been led by businessmen and lawyers, but it is time for God's man to take a hand in this big job of running our government.

Let's draft Billy Graham for President of the United States. How do you know about it? Let me know.

—MONROE HOLAND

### Quote, Unquote