

## For Star Pupils, An A-Plus Plan Offers New Educational Promise

Year after year, American colleges accommodate thousands of youngsters who, properly, should have stayed home. Lacking a capacity for higher learning, they will be exposed to it as long as the regulations permit and papa's (or patrice's) holds out.

A college education is a social asset. And, because it is, the more affluent classes of society knock constantly at the door.

No matter, maybe. If the Johnny-Cans attend enough classes, perhaps they will absorb a smattering of knowledge through mere repetition.

The tragedy of the situation, however, lies in the fact that only half of the really superior high school students ever go to college. Parental apathy, the draft, and expanded job opportunities doubtless contribute to the circumstance. The truth is, however, most of them don't have the money.

The Ford Foundation is now preparing to do something about this annual waste of talent and intelligence. It has set up a \$20.5 million corporation to finance college educations for 1,000 to 5,000 superior students each year. Ford won't pay the whole bill. Private industry is expected to share some of the costs on a matching basis, and two or

ganizations, the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and Time-Life, have already announced substantial grants.

The Carnegie Corporation has also made an initial grant of \$500,000 and other groups are planning to participate. The sponsors hope the program will encourage business and industry to increase their support of higher education throughout the country.

As a mammoth adaptation of the "merit scholarship" idea, the plan has tremendous promise.

For, while there's a good deal of truth in the theory that "anybody who really wants an education can get one," it isn't the whole truth.

There just aren't enough student jobs available for youngsters who would "work their way through college"—not the sort of jobs, anyhow, that would pay the increased costs of modern college training.

Beyond that, many superior students who might otherwise be able to work their way are forced to stay home and contribute to the support of the family.

Under the newly-announced program, scholarship winners will receive "whatever they need" to put them through four years of college.

It ought to pay dividends.

## The Seeds Of Terror Are Planted

There's little you can say about the death of Emmett Louis Till except that it was murder in its more sickening form—heartless, emotional, inflamed, senseless, stupid.

Somebody killed a 14-year-old child because he whistled at a white woman. Because he happened to be black. Because he was a Negro from Chicago, visiting in Mississippi during a time of racial awareness. Because of a grotesque combination of time and circumstance, chance and impulse.

But a boy is dead, and this week in Sumner, Mississippi, two white men were indicted for his murder.

They admit they kidnapped Till from his uncle's home but say they released him unharmed.

Murder is never pretty. This one could have happened anywhere and it would still have been ugly. That it happened in Mississippi—when it did, as it did—gives it a shameful connotation.

There will be other murders in the South before the desegregation issue is settled unless southerners generally take a good, sobering look at where they are heading.

The Ku Klux Klan is stirring. Citizens Councils are organizing. "Patriot" groups are waving the banner of white supremacy.

All the leaders declare for the public record their pledge of non-violence. But there will be violence.

Discussion, inaction, and the sluggish pace of formal justice are not sufficient fuel to keep a hate crusade in cohesive motion. And peaceful leaders get trampled underfoot when impatient followers find a cause for action.

We don't know who murdered Louis Till. It seems absurdly clear, however, that he died as a victim of prejudice. It isn't a reasonable way for a human being to die, or a civilized mood to kill in.

## Congratulations

Congratulations of the warmest kind are in order for Publisher Thomas L. Robinson of The Charlotte News.

Less than a decade ago, Mr. Robinson came upon the Charlotte newspaper scene and arranged a stock purchase of The News from the Dowd family.

Yesterday, he was able to announce that he had acquired all the stock of the newspaper, with the exception of four shares.

For many decades, The Charlotte News has been a useful and progressive influence in this community. And since his arrival in Charlotte Tom Robinson has proved himself an aggressive newspaperman and a good citizen.

For the newspaper and its new owner, our best wishes.

## Reuther Gazes Into His Eightball

United Automobile Workers' Boss Walter Reuther finally has let the cat out of the bag.

Walter told a press conference the other day that the ten-hour week was just around the corner.

That's right, a ten-hour week. Of course, it'll be spread over two days, so no one will really get tired.

And, we imagine, each of those two five-hour days will include an hour lunch period and a pair of fifteen minute coffee breaks, so the total time at work will come out an even seven hours.

Besides, it probably would include portal-to-portal pay.

On top of this, that worker-of-the-future will have such fatiguing tasks as pushing buttons every ten minutes or so in Reuther's robot paradise. And Reuther says this 10-hour week will be here "sooner than the NAM thinks."

Of course, this has one drawback. It leaves a man with a five-day weekend to help the little woman around the house. This can lead to one of two results:

A revolt against Reuther's rules of order by the unionleers.

Or the rest of the country doing nothing but creating amusements to cater to the well-heeled worker with all that free time.

Any way you look at it, though, it appears the Reuther envisions a world where the royal masses waltz and alek on their Guaranteed Idle Wage, stirring only to pay occasional homage to Emperor Walter the First. Benign, naturally.

## Happy Daze

The headline was obviously adult and cheerful.

"School Is Begun On Festive Note," it said.

Right under the headline and story was a picture of a line of kids, entering school on the first day.

The expressions varied from glum to gloomy.

Festive? Unh-unh.

## 'Fair Trade' Loses A Fair Trial

One of the country's major appliance manufacturers, Westinghouse, has decided to abandon its "fair trade" pricing policy. The development ought to be welcomed by American housewives and the men who pay most of the bills.

"Fair Trade" has long been a most unlikely label for a gimmick of American merchandising that is unfair to consumers.

Under the system, manufacturers have sought to fix minimum retail prices on

their products. No dealer was permitted to sell at less than the "fair trade" price.

According to its sponsors, the policy was designed to preserve quality of product and protect honest merchants from unscrupulous trade practices. In too many cases, it has seemed merely to discourage price competition and to yield unjustified profits.

Yet, the "fair traders" have enforced the regulation under the federal McGure Act and by pressure of law in many states.

More accurately, maybe, they have tried to enforce it.

It has been an expensive trial, requiring a constant, continuing check of dealers throughout the land. Requiring lawyers to bring legal action, and lobbyists to keep the lawmakers in line.

And guess who paid the eventual bill? Consumers.

Westinghouse has finally elected to call it quits. Anybody, now, for Follow-The-Leader?

## THE VICTOR RIESEL REPORT

# 'Jaguar' To Direct Red Spies, Sabotage In U. S.

NEW YORK—The "Jaguar," known to insiders as Vittorio Vidali, veteran of 25 years of the Soviet's toughest undercover work, has just been assigned by Moscow to direct espionage, sabotage, unrest and violent strikes in thousands of American shops and factories.

Wherever Vittorio has been—either as Commander Carlos, Carlos Contreras, Edo Sornetti or as the mysterious balding, stocky Soviet military intelligence agent in Civil War Spain—there has been violent death.

There are no tamer Soviet agents. No one has had rougher assignments. The "Jaguar" has had bloodier missions than the subversion of American industry, but none requiring more tactical skill in this era of smiling diplomacy.

Vidali is basically interested in our shipping, electronics, metal mining, waterfront and communications industry, where he has literally hundreds of labor agents already in Communist-controlled union circles.

But he has been assigned to infiltrate the new atomic era industries to which unionism is still to come—and which require terrific retraining of American workers. There'll be more about this shortly.

THE "JAGUAR" will operate out of Trieste—a strategic liaison center between East and West Europe. He will work through the Soviet's World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), now palatially located in Vienna. As soon as all Soviet bayonets out of Austria, the Vienna government is expected to oust the WFTU, despite its request for permission to stay permanently.

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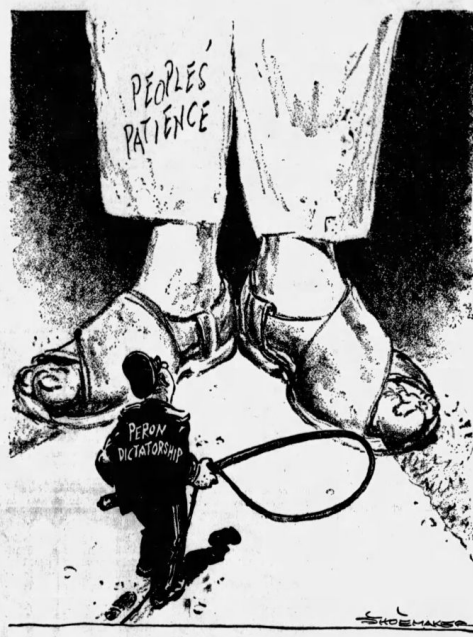
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## Nearing Road's End?



## THE OBSERVER FORUM

# Robbers Rate No Coddling

I was interested in the item from Fayetteville the other day, reporting that four G.I.'s pleaded guilty to robbery at gun point and were sentenced to 10 years each by Judge Q. K. Nimocks Jr.

Judge Nimocks is certainly to be commended for the sentences imposed. Our state, and the country at large, has been greatly plagued in recent times by such robberies.

Robbery at gun point is a most serious crime, second only to the worst crime of murder in the first degree.

I consider Judge Nimocks one of our very best Superior Court judges. He is not hard-boiled in the ordinary meaning of the term. He is considerate and humane when such considerations are merited.

I trust all of our judges will follow the example set by Judge Nimocks in dealing with such offenders.

C. B. JOHNSON SR.  
Route 2, Raeford.

Anybody Know Hammond Little?

I am very anxious to get in touch with the descendants of a distant relative of mine, the late Hammond Little, who I think spent his entire life after he was 18 years old in the mountain regions of North Carolina.

THIS MAN was born in Pike County, Kentucky, in the year of 1854. He left Pike County, Kentucky, January 1872, and enlisted in the regular U. S. Army under the name of Sherd Crabtree. He deserted the U. S. Army while stationed at Columbia, South Carolina, August 1, 1872.

This man was very illiterate, he had grown up in the wooded area of Pike County, Kentucky. He was about 6 feet 3 inches tall, very slender in stature. In all probability he sought employment in the mountain regions of North Carolina as a logger.

IT IS POSSIBLE that he went under the name of Drake. My information is that he had a son by the name of Robert Drake who was born about the year 1880 in the state of North Carolina.

I would appreciate hearing from any of his relatives or anyone who might give me any information on the whereabouts of the immediate family.

LAWRENCE BRANHAM  
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To quote the words of a great and fearless American, "If it be said now that the South is flouting the law, let it be said to the high court: you taught us how."

We Americans will succeed in nullifying that infamous, Communist inspired decision, make no mistake about that.

We will accomplish that in much the same way as the NAACP gained their temporary victory, with one outstanding exception. That exception being that we will succeed with the support of all freedom loving, patriotic Americans only. We do not have, nor want, any alien support such as the Paul Robeson or the Daily Worker.

DON CORDARO  
Route 4, Morganton.

Letters Vary. Some Contrary

With reference to the many letters concerning the racial segregation issue which have appeared in your "Forum," some seem to have been written by intelligent people and others seem to have been written by morons.

In my opinion, the majority of these letters have contributed very little to the solution of the problems involved and

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ROME—There is hell to pay from Hamburg to the Sudan. The United States has bomb-er bases in Morocco which could be eliminated by local hostility in a very short time. The purpose of these bases is to threaten Soviet Russia with retaliation should she ever bomb the United States.

The African uprisings are consistent with Moscow's "anti-colonial" propaganda.

Ever since the second war we have maintained in our overseas stations thousands of soldiers, airmen, bluejeans and civilian parsons, inviting the enemy to butcher them or take them hostages.

American generals wag their heads mysteriously and say they have a plan for their removal in case of attack.

There can be and is no such plan. The fighting in French Africa has been savage and if our general Soviet friends should provoke the fanatics to attack our bases, too, our people would go through about the same experience that the French colonists suffered recently.

NOW, THROUGHOUT this troubled area and in France, Germany and Italy, we continue to maintain the dangerous, meddlesome international Lovestone-Dubinsky "labor" apparatus.

Some say this is a powerful political agency against communism. I have said repeatedly that Jay Lovestone and Irving Brown, his principal agent in Europe, were fanatic, bloodthirsty Communists some years ago and that they have never given public proof that they have forewarned Communism and bloody revolution.

But in any case, these mountebanks obviously have done no good. Strikes have curtailed production and ruined the economy in Britain and Germany. Riots and bloodshed have enlivened urban outbreaks in France. There are more than three million Communists in Catholic Italy. A tribal people are shooting and hacking against "colonialism" and the white civilization of the West practically all over Africa.

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