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Extremists Must Be Answered Clearly

FOR a moment Judge Fred B. Helms' voice rang clear above the angry mutterings of the racial opportunists and extremists. The reason was simple. He knew what he was talking about. When he talked about the desegregation decision, he quoted from it. When he discussed interpretations, he turned to the precise analysis of Judge John J. Parker. Commenting on the Constitution, he referred to its articles. It is a strangely uncommon practice.

From the context of those definitions and interpretations, leavened by his own experience in high state councils, emerged an address that brought the South's reaction to its desegregation dilemma into sharp focus.

Significantly, it expressed the thoughts of a southerner who assisted his state in seeking a different solution, one who disagrees with the one that was rendered. Significantly, it was an honest evaluation of the South's position today.

It is not a pretty picture. The dominant strokes are those of anger, defiance, mounting violence, threats and the preaching of the false doctrines of amalgamation, integration and nullification. Judge Helms is disturbed by that, but more concerned about what is not seen in the current picture — the influence of the majority of reasoning, constructive southerners. He is fearful that "another catastrophe comparable to the tragic era following the Civil War is in the making."

But what is he going to say? It will not be enough to cite the suicidal violence meted out by advocacy of a reasonable counter solution. A way must be found to reduce the complexity of that solution into concrete terms.

Gov. Hodges, whose moderation has led North Carolina relatively free of the dangerous tensions in other states, is conscious of that need. Thus, the strong indication that the General Assembly will be called into special session.

The governor's assurance that he disagrees with the Supreme Court decision and that no child shall be forced to attend a school of mixed races against the wishes of his parents or himself have not been enough. He must make his solution concrete and clearly understood.

Luther Hodges has been tossed about on occasion by the eddies of extremism. But it is clear that his basic purpose is to conserve the state's institutions and the peace and good will between the races. He is the state's best hope for achieving that purpose, and if moderates would rally, they must rally to him.

When the widening of Providence Road was first announced, Mr. James A. Harbison, state highway commissioner, stated that the road would be made "20 feet wide or 12 feet wide."

The residents would have been more than agreeable to have the street made 20 feet, which is 12 feet wider than the new Selway, or five feet wider than Providence to Road Avenue, and five feet wider than the new Selway.

The people of Providence Road are not a cantankerous lot, nor do I believe them opposed to progress, even though it has meant the loss of many trees, shrubbery, etc., put out at some expense to them.

As a matter of fact, I suspect they were more conscious of the need of a wider street than anyone else and welcomed the idea of a reasonable extension. What they did object to was the desire of a part of some to foist their ideas on the property owners and taxpayers with little regard for them and the unjust exploitation by our newspapers.

The danger is that "mass culture" will encourage a general leveling down of arts in favor of the mass markets. Fortunately, this has not yet occurred. Excellence has not been killed—even if appreciation of it is limited.

Now if the DAILY OKLAHOMAN will just give us the figures on serious reading we will saddle up old Paint and silently ride away.

Better The Toga Than This Nonsense

TO OUR absolute horror, we learn that certain female fashion designers are urging wide use of perfume among men. Sissy! Not at all, they purr in days of yore, well-dressed gentlemen of the court sprayed themselves generously with flowery scents and wore ribbons to swell the ladies.

The very thought of it must send cold chills down the spine of many a U. S. male. Perfume and ribbons may have been standard equipment years ago for men but to wear powdered wigs, plumes, lady

THE ROSY TATTOO

NOT long ago, a defense official in Washington suggested that every American should have his blood type tattooed on his person so that in case of atomic attack he could more readily be identified. The tattoo would be a mere "A" or "B" or "O" or "AB".

A tattoo artist in Washington and his colleagues are understandably scornful to the suggestion. But some of them are too warm to it, and try to make a production out of it. They would like to more than a simple instant. This Washington artist says, "Maybe we could en-

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People's Platform
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The Hottle case is a constitutional question. It is a question of the rights of the states. It is a question of the rights of the people. It is a question of the rights of the states and the people.

That part of Article I only implies that no slaves may be imported into any of the States after the year 1808. It does not say or imply that the slave question will be settled later. Will Mr. Justice be good enough to tell us just what those processes were that the South bucked against? We refer to the constitutional processes.

We should not forget that had the neighbors who witnessed the arrival of the Hottle in this case reported their knowledge to the Welfare Dept. it would have insured a thorough investigation.

Furthermore, we would like to know, under the circumstances, why a subpoena has not been served to produce "beyond a shadow of a doubt" what caused the death of Deborah Hottle.

As a resident of Providence Road and in fairness to all, I think you should be apprised of certain facts, namely:

Obstacle Race Looms

THE people who are betting that President Eisenhower will be re-elected are not alone. There are many others who are betting that the President will not be re-elected.

The Nine Points For Nixon

For Nixon, therefore, the next six months are going to be a particularly dangerous obstacle race, in which the penalty of failure will be the President's removal from office.

There is his marked impetuosity, first of all with the type of Republican who would prefer a vice presidential nominee like Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts. There is second, and actually more important, the bad showing Nixon has been making in the political polls.

But for all his kindness and loyalty to his friends, Dwight D. Eisenhower has also shown that he can be pretty cold-blooded about members of his team who want to look like assets.

For this reason, the President's affection for the vice president is no sure guarantee of Nixon's future. The real status of Nixon was implied very clearly at the President's historic press conference, when Eisenhower declared on the one hand that the choice of the vice presidential nominee would have to wait until the Republican convention, and on the other hand praised Nixon on the highest terms.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

REPUBLICAN Senators met behind closed doors the other day to settle the farm question. When happened is supposed to be a GOP secret, but it is not. It is a secret that the question was settled long ago.

In fact, the two Republicans on the Senate Agriculture Committee, New York's Charles McNair and Ohio's Bill Jenner, had settled the question long before the Senate was called into session.

Both Aiken and Clark were raised on the farm. They were raised on the farm. They were raised on the farm. They were raised on the farm.

'Wait A Minute—They're Still Watching'



State Was Right On Tank Shipment

ONE of your recent contributors states that the State Department's decision to ship tanks to Saudi Arabia is a good idea to point out that this was not a proper but the filling of a contractual obligation of this nation to Saudi Arabia.

In June, 1951, the United States signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia which specified in shipping tanks to Saudi Arabia. It might be a good idea to point out that this was not a proper but the filling of a contractual obligation of this nation to Saudi Arabia.

Dystrophy Campaign Was Successful

THE local campaign for muscular dystrophy in Mecklenburg County concluded last November by reaching a goal of \$20,242 to combat this dreadful disease.

Your assistance in this undertaking made our campaign a success. We did not raise the funds we had anticipated, however, we were successful in educating our people to this "killer" in children through radio, TV and newspaper channels.

On behalf of the local chapter, myself and the countless victims of this disease, please accept our sincere thanks.

D. E. OBSERVANCE
Wins Commendation
Editors, The News: A L. OF Charlotte and Mecklenburg County distributive education program was to thank you again for the help you gave us in publishing our report during the National Education Week. We feel that this week was one of our most successful. We have had many valuable comments from our businessmen and educators.

Quote, Unquote
The states are endeavoring to bring into line the inequalities and oddities of automobile license plates. Standardized rates are to be adopted in 1957 in all states. Now can't something be done to state such things as "Sunshine State," "Vacationland," "100,000 Lakes," "Cotton, Tobacco, and the Live!" — Lexington Herald.

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