



Commissioner Gives Orders

Montgomery Will Arrest Violators Of Bus Ordinance

Declares Ruling Applies Only To South Carolina

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Racial barriers were hauled down on city buses in this cradle of the Confederacy today, but the head of the police department threatened to arrest any passenger who mixes with the opposite race.

Bus drivers who permit desegregation on their buses also face prosecution the official said.

Montgomery City Lines Inc., operating the only bus service, abandoned segregation of white and Negro patrons today in the wake of yesterday's U. S. Supreme Court ruling.

A few hours later, Police Commissioner Clyde Sellers, a member of the White Citizens Council, said any passenger who violates city or state segregation laws will be prosecuted.

The council is an organization dedicated to the preservation of racial segregation.

GIVES ORDERS
"It'll be responsible for any arrests for those arrests," Sellers declared.

"As far as I'm concerned, this damn thing applies to South Carolina only," the commissioner explained, referring to the decision holding bus segregation unconstitutional. The ruling came on an appeal from South Carolina.

A similar suit attacking Montgomery and Alabama segregation laws is pending in U. S. District Court and a hearing is scheduled for May 11.

"I'm a full-blooded Southerner," he told us in this suit filed here that if the Supreme Court decision applies to us, Sellers said, "I'm going to enforce all city laws to maintain segregation."

"That's the way I feel. I'm a Southern white man and I want to continue to be one."

The first buses to roll under the tradition-smashing edict did not begin operation until after 5 a.m. Most of the drivers on the early shift first learned of the company's desegregation order when they reported for work at dawn.

COMPANY IN MIDDLE
The writer is also assigning seats according to race but the bus company squarely in the middle between the Supreme Court ruling and a stern warning, earlier yesterday from Mayor W. A. Gayle that the company continue to maintain strict racial segregation in its vehicles.

The company's directive bore a LITTLE DIFFERENCE
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How's Your Memory?
Could you say offhand, what the capital of Florida is? If that "stumps" you, turn to page 18 and let Seymour Blomberg's "Improve Your Memory" column show you an easy way to recall it.

Evening Prayer
O Lord, help us to accept the unexpected crosses in life with the spirit of resignation to the divine will and give us strength to bear them for Thy glory. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Officials Rap Court
Hodges Hits Bus Decision
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The Commission, Winborne said, will "wait and see what develops before we take any action." As a result of the court decision, he made clear, however, there is little the commission or any other public agency can do to prevent compliance.

North Carolina has a law which requires that Negro passengers take the first vacant seat at the rear of a bus and whites the first vacant seat from the front. For the court's decision to apply directly to North Carolina, Winborne indicated he felt a specific case would have to arise.

Attorney Gen. W. B. Rodman commented, "It is noteworthy that states outside the South are beginning to feel some shock at the assumption of power by the Supreme Court and its asserted right to legislate."

FOLLOW LAW
Sam O. Worthington, a member of the Utilities Commission, said he felt that for the present "we should follow our state law until a case arises. The bus business in our state is about gone anyway. I don't know what this will do to it."



Soviet Envoys Silent London Agreement Hopes Grow Dim

LONDON (AP)—Soviet Premier Bulganin and Communist party chief Khrushchev strode grimly from a crucial meeting with Prime Minister Eden and plummeting hopes for any solid British-Soviet agreement on world issues.

Moments later the Soviet leaders, postponed for 36 hours a news conference they had scheduled for tomorrow. A British Foreign Office spokesman said he could not explain the reason.

When the Soviet-British talks in their final stage—this was the next to the last session—the Russian leaders looked almost sullen as they left No. 10 Downing St. HURRY TO CAR

Eden did not come to the door of his official residence to see the Soviet leaders out. Staring steadily ahead, the Russians hurried to their waiting car to be driven to the House of Commons for a luncheon given by the speaker.

British alarm and resentment mounted as a result of Khrushchev's two speeches yesterday in which he bragged about Soviet missile successes with H-bomb warheads and talked tough to Labor leaders critical of Communist policy.

"Khrushchev's drop the mask," said a typical headline describing the acrimonious clash last night between the Soviet party head and Labor party leaders over the status of Socialists and Jews in Russia and the Red bloc nations.

Even the most leftist of the Socialists seemed shocked.

NEW TONE
Informed opinion here traced Khrushchev's new tone to a combination of irritation over the cool reception he and Premier Bulganin have received and their failure to break down Britain's deterrent blockade not to trade in strategic goods.

There had been reports that some progress was made on the Middle East problem but there appeared to be a deadlock in matters of trade and East-West contacts.

Bulganin and Khrushchev were faced yesterday as they left their headquarters for the session with Eden. Their faces were puffy and they looked tired.

Proposed Freight Hike Draws Fire At Hearing
RALEIGH (AP)—A proposed rate increase on motor freight shipments to points within North Carolina drew opposition from several organizations at a hearing today before the State Utilities Commission.

The North Carolina Motor Carriers Association and other agencies representing truck lines want to increase by 20 per cent their freight rates as they left their freight rates on less than truck load quantities.

They also seek to increase from \$2 to \$2.50 the minimum charge per shipment on hauls of 95 miles or less, and from \$2 to \$3 on shipments hauled more than 95 miles.

Protestants include the North Carolina Merchants Association, the North Carolina Wholesalers Association, the B. K. Mercantile Corp., the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association, the North Carolina Traffic League Inc., the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers Association Inc., the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and Thurston Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

Governor Calls For Federal Health Help

Hurricane-Clogged Streams Held Danger

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal aid is needed to clear up health hazards resulting from hurricane-clogged streams in eastern North Carolina, state's governor declared today.

Gov. Luther Hodges appeared before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee to ask approval of \$3,386,000 for drainage work in the coastal section of the state, hard hit by hurricanes in 1954 and 1955.

"Unless the stream clearance is accomplished before the summer weather sets in, it is highly possible and probable that we may face in the storm area a malaria fever epidemic of great proportions," Hodges asserted.

Mosquitoes breeding by the millions in the choked streams also raise the threat of other diseases to humans and animals, Hodges reported.

STRUGGLE TOLD
Local and state public health personnel, aided by U. S. Public Health Service experts, have been struggling "with inadequate manpower and material" for the drainage problem, the governor said.

Federal funds of \$22,745 and state and local funds of \$72,729 have been spent in mosquito control work, he added.

The task cannot be completed without "greater financial aid than has so far been provided for drainage and stream clearance," Hodges asserted.

Hodges also was scheduled to see Secretary of Commerce Weeks about releasing a half million dollars, reportedly held up by technicalities, for road repairs.

The entire state congressional delegation is backing up the governor's plea for the drainage money with Sens. Ervin and Scott and Rep. Bunker, North Carolina Democrats, set to appear before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

MOBILE APPROVAL
The House approved the money last month in its amendment to the independent offices appropriation bill, proposed by Bonner.

Bonner said the money being requested is considered necessary by state civil defense and soil conservation officials and the governor's special storm disaster committee.

He said the federal Civil Defense Administration questioned whether funds already approved by Congress were intended for such projects as the drainage work. Therefore, he said, he proposed the amendment accepted by the House.

Bonner said it is estimated 19 million dollars worth of drainage work is needed in the state, but only asking for this part of it as an emergency because of the danger to health and the damage to property.

The latest estimate on total damage from the four hurricanes is approximately \$20 million dollars, Scott said.

UNANIMOUS OPINION
These conclusions are the unanimous opinion of the majority of the mayor's committee, who are:

Wallace Kuralt, county superintendent of public welfare, chairman; Judge Willard J. Gatline, chief of the City Police Department; and Joe Whitley, chief of the County Police.

The committee was named a fortnight ago after Mayor Van Every had called a conference of city and county officials, police executives, Youth Bureau officers, Juvenile Court officers and others interested in solving



DISCUSSING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY problems today were (left to right, front row) Mr. Kuralt, Chief Whitley, Mr. Garing, and Mr. Whitley.

Five - Point Plan To Prevent Juvenile Delinquency Given

By DICK YOUNG
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A five-point program for prevention of juvenile delinquency and for closer cooperation of various agencies interested in the problem was recommended today by the mayor's committee on juvenile delinquency.

This committee, presenting its report at a meeting of a larger group of representatives from public and private agencies at Mayor Van Every's office, recommended:

1. A security detention facility is needed for a limited number of children.

2. Regular scheduling of meetings of the Juvenile Court judgments should be made a part of the police department records.

3. State training schools admission practices are unsatisfactory and need to be corrected or else local facilities for the care and training of selected children must be developed.

4. Regular scheduling of meetings, at least quarterly, should be held by the department heads working on juvenile behavior problems.

5. A clinical psychologist is needed on the juvenile court staff. The committee discussed the possibility of using the Mecklenburg Sanatorium as a detention facility when it ceases to be used as a tuberculosis institution.

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The state murder warrant charges that Finn was stabbed with knives and died on or about last July 28 in the Cone National Park. This is in the Blue Ridge Mountains just off U.S. 221 near Blowing Rock, nine miles south of Boone.

Finn left Palm Beach, Fla., July 20, bound for Yuma, Ariz., to visit a brother. His 1954 model automobile was traded for an older car and \$800 cash in El Paso, Tex., on Aug. 8.

LaFond was arrested Aug. 20 in Truth or Consequences, N.M. The FBI said he was in the car that had been traded for Finn's, and that he had the dead man's wallet and personal papers.

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Bus Ruling Has Little Effect Here

By HAPPY SHUFORD
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So far, the Supreme Court ban on segregation in city buses has had little or no actual effect in Charlotte.

Negro passengers continued seating from the rear of buses and white passengers from the front, as has been the custom.

As one bus driver put it, "People are following the same pattern as always on seating." He added that "it will take a week or two before we would see any difference on something like this anyway. People have to get used to the idea first."

Negro bus riders took the court ruling without a blink of an eyelash, for the most part. White passengers, on the other hand, didn't seem to enjoy having the legal rug yanked out from under their feet.

Strongest opposition came from a man in a blue suit who didn't want his name used. Regarding the segregation ban, he said that "it makes a difference to me, a big difference."

"I'm a full-blooded Southerner. I just came back from up North, and it's really a mess up there," he said.

Another white bus rider, Garlean Henson, was a little less disturbed. "I don't think much of it," he said. "But it seems like they are determined to do away with segregation so there doesn't seem there's much we can do about it. But I don't think much of it."

Little difference was noted in the case of a passenger, June Smith expressed the view taken by most Negro passengers who spoke up on the subject.

"I don't think it makes much difference," he said. "I don't think people of either race want any trouble, and as far as the court ruling goes I don't think it will have too much effect on where people sit."

"If a person is clean and well-mannered, nobody minds sitting by him, but if he just got off work and is dirty or something that's different. People just like to be humble and they'll get along all right."

Other Negro passengers commented they didn't think the ruling would make any difference without enlarging on that statement.

Police said no disturbances were reported on any city buses this morning.

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Jury Picked In Boone Death Penalty Asked In Trial

BOONE (AP)—The state asked the death penalty as a young Milwaukee couple went on trial here today in Superior Court.

Opening hours were consumed with selection of a jury. Solicitor James C. Farthing announced at the onset that a verdict of first-degree murder would carry a sentence of death in the gas chamber.

The 400 seats in the courtroom of the Watauga County courthouse were filled before court was called to order, and about 550 persons pushed into aisles and areas in the rear of the room.

The defendants are Leonard LaFond, 20, divorced father of three, and Jo Anne Severson, 18. They are charged with killing Lewis A. Finn, 28-year-old Chicago chemist.

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Our Weather

Cloudy and cool today with occasional light rain this afternoon. Widely scattered showers and cool tonight. Tomorrow, mostly fair and cool. Low this morning—45. High today—65. Low tomorrow—53. High tomorrow—71. High today—65. Low tomorrow—65. Sunrise, 5:40 a.m.; sunset, 7:02.

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