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Attitudes Harden In The Debate Over Desegregation

By STEWART ALSOP

THURGOOD Marshall, a tall Negro with an aquiline nose and a small, neat mustache, must be one of the best hated men in the United States. As chief legal strategist of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Marshall is to white southerners the living symbol of the Negro uprising towards equality which has created such bitterness in the South.

Marshall says, "What you've got to realize is that we know it's a tough problem in many areas. So you've got a county that's 80 per cent Negro. We know it's not going to be easy to change. But what are you going to do? You can't say to a Negro child in one place, sure, you can go to a good school and get a good education like all other Americans, and say to another kid in another place, no, you've got to stay segregated like always. You can't do it."



SEN. FULBRIGHT "I Think It's Very Sad" made in the South? Marshall suddenly looks grim. "Look," he says earnestly. "You talk about gradualism. It's 90 years since the Civil War, the Negroes aren't going to stay second class citizens forever. Why, we can't stop what's happening even if we wanted to."

echo of that same sense of inevitability, of not being able to stop what's happening, when Sen. Fulbright discusses the segregation problem. He argued with his southern colleagues against the southern manifesto calling on the South to block the Supreme Court's decision, on the grounds that it would only exacerbate the issue. But it was no good. He names one of the most respected and liberal-minded southerners in the Senate—"He signed it without even reading it, because he knew he had to."

poor whites and Negroes. Before the last war, when the South was a colonial area exploited by northern capital, and per capita income in Arkansas was a miserable 30 cents, there was great tension. Since the war, Fulbright points out, per capita income has quadrupled, and there has been no violence of any sort in Arkansas, even in the "black belt."

Tar Heel Taxes Should Be Withheld

APRIL 16 should not happen to spring. In Tar Heel, at least, it is a lean, dreary day when every copper that can be scraped, scratched or borrowed must be delivered up to the state tax collector.

Can't blame the collector. He's been waiting a year to get his share of citizen income, while the federalists have been getting theirs a little each payday. The U. S. withholds every year. North Carolina has a holdup every year.

pay-as-you-go taxation. The modern economy operates that way. It is more painless for the taxpayer. It helps to scotch tax dodgers.

During the last session of the General Assembly Sen. David M. Hall of Jackson said a state withholding system might produce an \$18 1/4 million windfall in taxes added under the present system. Two withholding systems predominate in the several states that have already adopted pay-as-you-go plans. One system is to make deductions on a sliding scale according to the income of the taxpayer.

Another is to withhold a fixed percentage of income, based on the ratio of state to federal tax.

If either system were adopted, April 15 would be a much springier day for salaried Tar Heels. Their only problem would be filing returns. The taxes would have been paid.

It needn't be so. The state revenue commissioner himself has recommended that state taxes be withheld. The General Assembly is graveyard for many a good idea, responsible for moving the deadline from March 15 to April 15 this year, a caprice of the calendar makes it April 16. All of which doesn't mean a thing except that Tar Heels must empty their pockets on a fine spring day rather than in March weather more suitable to the occasion.

There are three good arguments for

The General Assembly, we hope, will not remain insensitive to the tribulations of the people who foot the bills.

At Appomatox, 91 Years Ago Today

THIS morning, 91 years ago, the Confederate general with the jeweled sword and the Yankee general in a private's uniform were looking for each other to stop a war.

Lee went to the rear of tattered lines to find Grant while Grant went to the front to find Lee. A little after noon they were brought together at Appomatox. They talked and there was, after four years of musketry and cannonade, a stillness.

Grant shouted the victory shouts in the Union lines. He and his officers took off their hats as Lee departed. They sent food to Lee's men and let them keep their horses.

for formal surrender ceremonies. Confederate troops marched out to stack arms and disband. They were met by Union divisions at "carry arms" the marching salute of the day.

When loud voices started, the quiet voices ended. And historians noted, one by one, that "had the spirit shown by General Grant and the officers and men at Appomatox prevailed, the nation would have been spared much of anguish and bitterness. The spirit did not prevail. Nor did the quiet voices.

Great virtue and patriotism attaches to loud voices in times of stress. It's left to historians to hear the quiet voices—generally too late.

Regular Guys: No Time For Rainier

WE HAVE nothing against royalty, you understand, as long as it stays in its place. But Sovereign Prince Rainier is beginning to look like a real buttnsky.

Now don't get us wrong. We have been just as thrilled as you, gentle reader—right up to here, you might say—about him and Miss Grace Kelly. We sincerely hope they will be married and serene ever after.

Nor are we peeved because we won't be at the wedding. Like Louella Parsons, who wasn't invited either, we're just too busy at this time of the year to go tooting off to Monaco. You can let the grass grow for just so long before you have to get a threshing machine.

he is a "regular guy." We happen to belong to that club, and we'd like to know how he horned in. Regular Guys aren't exactly tony, but there are limits. No more than 12 billion males may belong at any one time, and there hasn't been room for a new member in years. Also, we'd like to know if he eats Grape Nut Flakes for breakfast, watches the Wednesday night fights and uses a man's detergent.

Granted, he's had two auto wrecks, but we'll bet he doesn't owe anything on them. And we'd just rather not comment on this habit he has of painting seascapes, and watching fish swim in aquariums.

And if that isn't enough evidence to get Rainier III out of the Regular Guys, consider the clincher:

He ain't seen but one Grace Kelly picture show.

Bring Home The Swaythling Cup

HOW would you feel? You walk out on the street and an acquaintance rushes up and says, "How did our table tennis team do today?"

You feel like a dog, that's how. You've just picked a kind of green copy paper off an Associated Press ticker and it says, "The U. S. table tennis team lost two more decisions today, to South Viet Nam and India, while Japan and Czechoslovakia grabbed the inside track for the Swaythling Cup, symbol of world table tennis superiority."

It is like a bolt from the blue. The devil take the Walker Cup or the Davis Cup. We want the Swaythling Cup, symbol of world table tennis superiority. One broods about such things. How did South Viet Nam beat us? Or India? You scan the wire report carefully. We lost to South Viet Nam by 5-3 and we were favored in that one. Then an American team, "tired and apparently

discouraged," lost to India, 5-4.

And our boy Erwin Kline, the kid from Los Angeles who is just 17 and national champion, lost to Tran Canh Doze.

Not only that, but he was pulled from the India match—didn't even get into the lineup.

Maybe Bernard Bukiet of Cleveland did look good in defeating Mai Van Hoa, but Erwin, our Erwin...

Was his paddle arm in good shape... did they pull a "live" ball on him in the key... was his foot poisoned... are the Viet Nams subsidizing table tennis players... shouldn't we start a national rebuilding program... were the overseas referees unfair?

How would you feel if an acquaintance asked you for the news?

Never mind the farm vote, intercontinental ballistic missiles and Grace Kelly. We've got to bring that cup home.

From The Asheville Citizen

THE LESSON OF THE RABBIT BOX

HE MAY NOT be able to solve the farm problem, or supplement sagging United States policy in the Middle East and points eastward, but M. R. Herring of Lumberton has well served his country in the world's time of troubles.

This fact came to light in Mr. Herring's recent letter to the RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER which was immediately republished by THE CHARLOTTE NEWS with pertinent comment. The letter reads:

"I am tired of the words brink and communism and I want to change the subject. I want to ask the boys who love to set and attend to rabbit boxes if they ever caught a female rabbit in a box. I am a 79-year-old boy and love to catch rabbits as well as ever. I have caught 14 rabbits this winter and every one of them were bucks. I can't believe it just happened."

some time.

Not attempting to read the riddle. The News nevertheless expresses its admiration for seventy-niner Herring, a man still young enough to be able to refresh his mind by taking refuge with Mother Nature from the perplexities of the Communist conspiracy, or the ever-changing factors of global economic problems.

We offer only a suggestion as to why Mother Rabbit doesn't get herself trapped in rabbit-boxes. As a good housewife, she must be familiar with the time-honored recipe for rabbit pie: "First catch your hare."

But the mystery remains why she is able to pass on to the bucks only the implied warning for rabbits. Maybe like all males, lacking in intuition they can learn only by sad experience. And the lesson of the rabbit box, like many other lessons, comes too late.

You can tell when a man opens his billfold if he is married—he turns his back—CHAPEL HILL WEEKLY.

'Woodman, Spare That Tree'



Road Bill Doomed Again? The Art Of Getting Nowhere At All

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

WASHINGTON Highway pressure groups may cause the multimillion-dollar highway program to fall again this year because of their stands on taxes and minimum wage provisions.

Legislation to build highways passed the Senate last year but failed just before adjournment in the House when trucking and rubber groups help protested tax hikes aimed at them.

This year the House has assigned the finance and building phases to separate committees. The House Ways and Means Committee recently approved a bill to tax trucks and cars the same for highways with one exception. Trucks weighing more than 20,000 pounds would be charged \$1.50 for every 1,000 pounds.

In opposite corners over the \$1.50 levy are the American Automobile Assn. and the American Trucking Assn., heavyweights among the road lobbies. The AAA says trucks should pay more for roads. ATA says trucks already pay four times as much for highways as cars do. Each group is so adamant that lawmakers pouring over highway legislation see little ground for compromise.

The other big roadblock in front of highway agreement is the provision authorizing the secretary of labor to set minimum wages for workers building federal-aid highways. The National Joint Highway and Highway Construction Committee, a labor organization, and the Associated General Contractors of America are fighting over the wage question.

UNION PRESSURE The labor group was formed in 1955 to press for precluding "strike clauses" in any highway legislation under consideration. Its support comes from the AFL-CIO Teamsters, Carpenters, Laborers and Operating Engineers unions. The organization maintains the federal wage-setting power is necessary to prevent "unauthorized" and "predatory" contractors from staking out the Interstate Highway System as their "private club."

But the 650-member AGC says the provision would "unnecessarily increase" the cost of the highway program by raising wages above their proper levels. It also claims the wage power is an invasion of states' rights.

BITTER-ENDERS Here again there appears little area for compromise. Each group asserts it is fighting for a principle which cannot be sacrificed, even for the overall highway program both admit is so vital.

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Segregation Roundup What Others Said

HERE IS how other North Carolina newspapers viewed last week's report by the North Carolina Advisory Committee on Education.

Greensboro Daily News — The committee's report is an effort to walk the narrow path between defiance of the court decision (which we "must live and act under") and defiance of customs, feelings and community attitudes about race. It is no perfect answer to the southern dilemma, but it is better than nothing... It deserves careful and prayerful consideration by all the people of North Carolina. It will undoubtedly gain widespread support... that support must not be blind and pug-nose. The people must realize, as the committee seems to realize, that some racial breakthrough in public schools is likely. The committee's concern, and that of all North Carolinians lies in trying to make that change with least disruption and damage to the cause of public education.

paull thought and grave deliberation, these recommendations deserve to be weighed in the same spirit by all the people.

Raleigh Times—The report of the Advisory committee is a curious document. Not conceived in haste, it contains elements of panic. Written by eminent North Carolinians, it shows in part a lack of confidence in the people of North Carolina. Unanimous, it displays obvious evidence of distaste. Great truths such as the "desires of defiance of the effects of ignorance, servitude and hatred in any race, are first defined, then ignored in recommendations designed to foster such ignorance, servitude and hatred" and designed to get around if not defy the court. We find it hard to believe that the courts will permit tuition payments to private schools, or that the people will permit the schools to be abolished by one-vote margins.

Hickory Daily Record — The Hickory Record is in complete agreement with the findings of the State Advisory Commission on Education that school segregation must be preserved if "good" Carolina is to save its public school system... As the report states, the changes which are proposed by the commission do not pose a threat to public education generally in the state.

High Point Enterprise — The report represents affirming on the part of men of good will to take a new approach to the school segregation problem in patience and moderation. Ready acceptance of its propositions by public officials indicates support for the purpose to explore every lawful means of avoiding integrated schools.

Winston-Salem Journal — This program has merit. It also is open to serious question. Undoubtedly it would make possible an indefinite delay in any start toward desegregation in the state. This is its objective. If the committee has assessed public opinion correctly—and we may assume that it has—only this delay is necessary to preserve the public schools of North Carolina... One of the report's virtues, however, is not written in a spirit of defiance of the Supreme Court, although the committee leaves no doubt that it does not like the Court's decision and thinks it is erroneous. Whether the assignment and "financial" grants proposed will stand the test of the courts is debatable.

Shelby Star—The report contains a tone of moderation that has been characteristic of North Carolina's approach to the segregation issue from the beginning. Above all there is the dominant theme that the public schools be preserved, and this is the theme that must be continued with all vigor... The report has contributed to its own standard of courage, coolness, tolerance and good will.

Asheville Citizen — No one, we think, whatever his viewpoint, can fail to recognize one fact in the recommendations of the committee. They are proposals wrought out of earnest and realistic facts. They are the recommendations of men attempting in honesty of purpose to preserve the public school system for the education of both races in North Carolina. Thus made, in

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round Carolinian's Objections To Soreoff Fade

AFTER a delay of more than nine months, Simon Sobello, the U.S. solicitor general who argued the school segregation case before the Supreme Court, will now be confirmed as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge.

He had been blocked by opposition from two southern senators because of a vigorous and successful argument before the Supreme Court.

Johnson Gives Word A few days ago, however, Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader of the Senate, approached Sen. Eastland, new chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and told him that for the sake of the Democratic Party and its reputation for fairness in the North, Sobello must be confirmed.

stand on other policies to which Democrats are sympathetic. He has been opposed, among other things, to witch-hunting.

Sen. Eastland agreed to Johnson's plea, however, he said, the confirmation of Sobello would not hurt his friend, Sen. Olin Johnson of South Carolina.

Carolina Complication Johnson of South Carolina was then approached and said he would not object to Sobello provided he, Johnson, had no further objection to Sobello's Carolina Democratic primary for reelection.

Eastland of Mississippi are members of this powerful committee. They will vote against Sobello on the Senate floor, as will some other southern senators, but they will not vote out of committee he will be confirmed.

Sobello has been appointed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which is now minus two judges and badly in need of his services.

Senator Routs Robber Sen. Theodore Francis Cross, Rhode Island Democrat and the oldest member of the Senate, slugged a holdup man on a dark Washington street the other night and sent the would-be robber scurrying away.

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