

# Judges' Opposition Scattered But Vocal

**By JULIAN SCHEER**  
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 Opposition to the Hodges' school legislation proposals is gaining strength in North Carolina today. The chief executive is worried. Friends close to Gov. Hodges say he is becoming increasingly concerned about mounting opposition on the eve of the special session of the General Assembly.

The opposition is unorganized and scattered at this time, but fears of an organized move worry the governor and his strategists.

Opposition appears to be gathering from some well known individuals from professional and social groups and some newspapers. The News has talked with educational and political leaders throughout the state and indications are:

1. There is no cause for the governor to be alarmed at the prospects of strong opposition in the special session.
2. Any opposition on the horizon now is unorganized, but odds favor some organized bid to drive a constitutional amendment referendum in the fall.
3. Members of the opposition

are searching for a leader or group, around which to rally. Professional politicians will keep hands off any organization. The questions facing the governor are these: Will there be a crystallization of opposition? Will a strong group be formed? Who will lead it?

**HIRS EXPERT**  
 To counteract any opposition, the governor has hired a public relations specialist—Ralph Howard of Chatham Mills—and is prepared to launch a drive of his own. The storm clouds of opposition have been late gathering.

Ever since the Advisory Committee's April report, there have been isolated queries against the Committee's main proposals—a tuition grant plan and a local option plan. In recent weeks the outbursts have been more widespread. A look at the speeches and public statements against the Hodges plan shows that few—if any—of the "attackers" can be labeled as integrationists. The battle cry appears to be "status quo—we're not in trouble, we won't be, let's go with legislation we have now."

The leading voices have been these:

**Major L. P. McEwen** of Greensboro attorney who has taken from a leading role in North Carolina education. In a recent speech, he said, "Although many people in the South have proclaimed that the public school system will be abolished before the schools will be opened to Negroes on a non-segregated basis, that such people are really serious seems incredible. The South, since the reconstruction days following the Civil War, is probably the best example of the value of universal education—education of all the children in free public schools."

**Dr. Clarence Poe**, editor of The Progressive Farmer, who has asked for "a more realistic, workable proposal" than compulsory integration and suggested high schools be segregated not on the basis of race but of sex. **Irving Carlyle**, city attorney of Winston-Salem and prominent political and civic leader, who spoke out in a speech last July 2, at Chapel Hill, calling for a defeat of the tuition grant plan. **R. Mayne Albright**, a 1948 gubernatorial candidate, who also made a Durham speech attacking the local option plan and

calling it a "time bomb." **Paul Green**, liberal Chapel Hill author and playwright, who has spoken against the governor's voluntary segregation plan and the Advisory Committee's stand. **GROUPS AGAINST, TOO** There have also been organizations. The executive committee of the N. C. Parent Teachers Association and the American Association of University Women have come out with strong statements. Both call for a preservation of the public school system and indicate they fear the special session school legislation may place the system in jeopardy.

Nearly all the outspoken critics of the governor's legislative proposals have told The News that it will take some group, such as the PTA or United Forces for Education, to serve as a rallying point. One key critic, however, says privately he sees little hope of an organized drive. **SEPT. CAMPAIGN** Others, on the contrary, say they expect a drive in September—when a referendum will be held on constitutional amendment. See HODGES on page 2-A

## How Local Option Plan Will Work

Charlotteans ultimately will decide what kind of school system they want. The legislation today showed that control of the state's public schools will be strictly a local matter.

Following yesterday's secret briefing in Lexington of legislators from 32 central North Carolina counties, lawmakers left the session with the assurance that proposed special session legislation is aimed at local control.

**DISCUSSION CENTER**  
 Most of the discussion at the High Rock Lake hideaway at Rep. Cloyd Philpott centered around the "local option" plan and the "educational grant" plan.

The tempo of the meeting—just as in the two previous sessions—was pitched on local control.

While the language of the measures has changed from session to session of suggestions by lawmakers.

For a report on the secret doings at Hodges' hideaway at Lexington—and how all registered voters were told—see Julian Scheer's account on the second front.

ers, the local option plan would basically look like this:

In Charlotte, for instance, you are a resident on one of the streets in the Shamrock Gardens section.

Your school attendance area includes three schools, Shamrock Gardens elementary, Eastview Junior High and a central North Carolina School. Your child would attend those schools in the area.

Suppose a Negro was admitted to Eastview Junior High School. A petition of 15 per cent of the registered voters in the attendance area is necessary to call for an election under the local option plan.

**CALLS FOR ELECTION**  
 If the petition is properly presented, an election will be held. Eligible to vote are all registered voters in the attendance area.

Under the local option plan, it is believed that voters may vote to close only the school with the "intolerable" situation, thus leaving the other two schools intact.

They may, of course, vote one, two or three school closings. The matter of voting under the local option plan would be left up to the community in which the schools are located and the registered voters of the attendance area.

**ONE DISTRICT**  
 The city schools are in one district with separate attendance areas.

Following the closing of the school or schools, a student may then apply for a tuition grant to a private school approved by the State Board of Education. The legislators now want to call tuition grants "educational" grants.

The educational grants would amount to a minimum of \$14 per pupil (the state's present yearly per pupil cost) and must be used in private, non-sectarian schools.

Stiff regulations and penalties safeguard the spending of the money under the measure. Misuse of the appropriation may result in five years imprisonment and/or \$5,000 fine.

Another appropriation may be made for the educational grants in the state budget. A second resort would be the use of emergency and contingency funds.

**NOT ANTICIPATED**  
 Legislators say they were told that it is not anticipated that much money will be needed immediately.

The educational grant will vary to supplement the grants. The exact figure has not been worked out on a county-by-county basis.

A frequently asked question concerned the private schools. No satisfactory answers, legislators revealed, has been given to the location of private schools. Some legislators are hopeful that public schools—after they are closed—may be leased by counties for public schools. However, the matter is technical on the point of ownership.

**Our Weather**  
 Partly cloudy rather hot today, tonight and Saturday with a change of widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers this afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

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 High today... 92  
 High yesterday... 90  
 High tomorrow... 93  
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## Shorty's Back On The Job After Fight For His Life

**By JIM SCOTTON**  
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 Hammers rapped louder and men stepped lightly at a construction job out on Monroe Rd. this morning.

Shorty Taylor was back at work. His co-workers—his friends to a man—were glad. At 6:15 this morning—just about 12 hours after a jury found him not guilty in the January 3 shotgun slaying of T. A. Parker—Thomas Walker Taylor reported back to work.

"I'm sure glad to get back," said Shorty. "I haven't got any money, but I've got a job and a home. And I've got my family, too."

**FAMILY AT HOME**  
 Shorty's family—his wife, Frances, and daughters, Joyce and Belinda—were living off Rozzell's Ferry Rd. at the home he had built with his own hands while waiting for the trial that might have cost his life.

A. D. Potest, job superintendent, was glad to see Shorty back for his own reasons.

"That man's a hard worker and I'm glad to have him," he said. "He's dependable, honest and never gives anyone trouble. That's why I'm glad to have him back."

## Calendar Gives Clue To Election Winner

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.**—Let others poll for opinions and study political trends. For Lonnie Johnson, the calendar tells who'll win the White House.

His theory is simple, depending entirely on the mystic power of Friday the 13th, of which today is one. There were three of them in 1952.

"That's not rare," said Johnson. "But when three come in the same year as a presidential election—that's significant. It has happened just six times before in history and it has produced a pattern."

The pattern? Well, in the 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948 and 1952 the voters re-elected, respectively, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

**SECOND CYCLE**  
 In the second cycle of the pattern, "new" presidents were elected: Abraham Lincoln in 1860;

Benjamin Harrison in 1888; Herbert Hoover in 1928.

"So the pattern is clear," said Johnson, a blind broom salesman who delights in extracting odd little tidbits from his calendar hobby. "Everything goes in threes when there are three Friday the 13ths during an election year."

"The first three times it happened, the occupant of the White House was re-elected. The second three times, a new president was named."

"Obviously, then, the next three will result in re-elections. So it's perfectly clear that President Eisenhower will win another term."

Johnson's only announced political affiliation is that of a "Last Thursdayist." He believes there is no day like the last Thursday of November for Thanksgiving. So he doesn't want to be blamed if his prediction goes against your political convictions.

**—What's Inside—**  
**All Is Not Smooth On Coliseum, Reporter Finds**  
**ONE MIGHT SURMISE** from casual glance that the dome surface of the Charlotte Coliseum is quite smooth as coliseum domes go. But to, climber Emory Wister has discovered the dome has horns. Impale yourself on Page 2B.

**SOMEbody ONCE SAID** that when people recovered from the war years the baby boom would slack off. It hasn't happened. To assist, one hospital has arranged a sort of primer for prospective parents. Join the cook's tour on Page 4B.

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## State Rebels Map Rights Bill Fight

**ATLANTA**—Democratic Party leaders from seven states moved on Atlanta today for a week-end get-together on how to inject the Southern viewpoint into any civil rights and segregation planks of the national party platform.

State chairmen or representatives from seven states gave advance notice of plans to attend the sessions beginning today and lasting through tomorrow. Leaders from an eighth, Mississippi, had planned earlier to attend but State Chairman Thomas Bennett said yesterday he could not come or find anyone else to send.

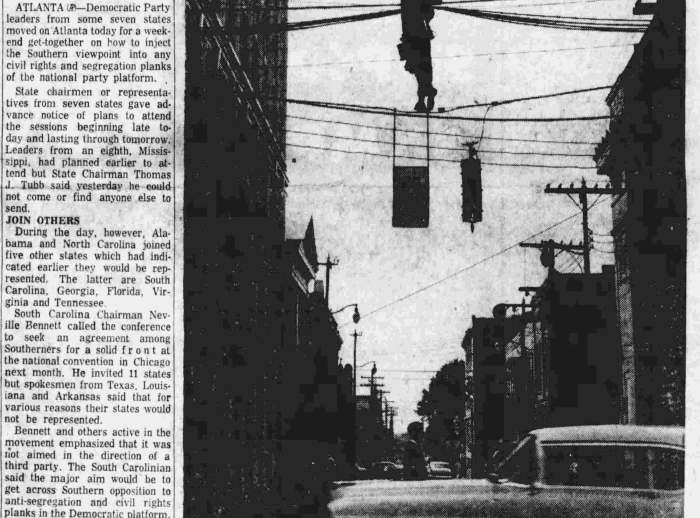
**JOIN OTHERS**  
 During the week, however, Alabama and North Carolina joined five other states which had indicated earlier they would be represented. The latter are South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia and Tennessee.

South Carolina Chairman Neville Bennett called the conference to seek an agreement among Southerners for a solid front at the national convention in Chicago next month. He invited 12 states but spokesmen from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas said that for various reasons their states would not be represented.

Bennett and others active in the movement emphasized that it was not aimed in the direction of a third party. The South Carolinian said the major aim was to get across Southern opposition to anti-segregation and civil rights planks in the Democratic platform.

Tubb, although unable to attend, gave his blessing to efforts to advance the position of the South in national party councils. "We want to win some respect," he said. "We've been kicked around, you know."

North Carolina Gov. Luther Hodges said it was decided to send a representative after consultations with South Carolina Gov. George Bittenger Jr., an ardent advocate of Southern solidarity in party councils. The Tar Heel representative is State Chairman John D. Larkins Jr.



ONE WAY TO CROSS STREET SAFELY  
 It's a crazy world, as this mixed up pedestrian would probably be the first to admit. It may be safer to cross E. 4th St. his way than in the orthodox fashion, however. For proof, note the Cadillac wondering the red light. This Alice In Wonderland scene was shot by photographer Tom Waters while strolling on Tryon St.—ON Tryon St., that is, not above it. The unconcerned driver over the spotlight was part of a crew working on the wires at the midtown corner.

## Integration Order Brings Plea For Special Session

**CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va.**—Virginia standstill policy on school segregation faced its most serious challenge today in the wake of a federal judge's directive that Charlottesville make plans to begin desegregation of Negro and white pupils in September.

The order, coming late yesterday, constituted the first big break in the segregation line which the state government has maintained in the face of the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing separate facilities.

**SESSION URGED**  
 State Sen. Edward McCue of Charlottesville today said it was imperative that Gov. Stanley call a special session of the Legislature with special session to consider new methods for holding the line. McCue wants the Legislature itself to assume direct control of the public school system.

From Delegate Robert Whitehead of Nelson County came a blistering comment against "the do-nothing policy of the Stanley administration which he said precipitated the Charlottesville crisis."

"Had the General Assembly been called into session in the Go First to FIELDS—Expert Watch Repairs. (Adv.)

early spring, as a number of us earnestly advocated, and passed an appropriate pupil assignment law, it would have been a complete defuse for the time being to the Federal Court in Charlottesville, Va.," said Whitehead.

**TIME WASTED**  
 "Instead of the General Assembly working on constructive legislation along this line at the regular 1956 session, its time was frittered away in consideration of 'interposition,' 'nullification' and 'secession'."

Whitehead, an anti-integrationist Democratic leader, said if Stanley doesn't call a special session promptly, the legislators should convene themselves and "get down to real business."

"With the public school system in jeopardy in many parts of Virginia, this state stands in dire need of real leadership," said Whitehead.

**NO COMMENT**  
 There was no immediate comment from Stanley.

Judge John Paul of Virginia's Western District issued his order yesterday after citing the state's policy of delay in complying with the 1954 Supreme Court ruling. He noted that Virginia had taken the step of amending the State Constitution to permit the subsidization of private education, but said the state's policy during the past six months has only been one of "calculated delay."

"I am not willing that this court be a knowing and willing accessory to a policy which has as its purpose delay and evasion of the decision of the Supreme Court," he declared.

He made a point of excluding Atty. Gen. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. from this policy and noted Almond had tried to get the governor to call a special legislative session to take further steps toward meeting the school issue.

The governor said several weeks ago he intended to call an extra session by early September to consider the Gray Commission program and possibly other means to keep the races apart in the schools.

Judge Paul said he realized Virginia's courts can't be changed overnight. He noted, however, that Virginia and other states have had more than two years to consider the change since the 1954 ruling.

## Big Game Hunter No Sports Fan

**MOUNT PLEASANT**  
 A report of "strange animal tracks" sent reporters and sheriff's deputies to the H. R. Smith home to investigate.

What did they find? Tracks left by football shoes of neighbor children. Mr. Smith had never seen football shoes, he explained, and didn't know what their tracks looked like.

## Chattanooga Named Bishop

**LAKE JUNALUSKA**—Dr. Bachman G. Hodges, 63, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was elected a Methodist bishop today.

He received more than the required 60 per cent of votes cast on the eighth ballot by delegates to the fifth annual conference of the church's Southeastern Jurisdiction here.

Another vacancy on the eight-man College of Bishops was filled last night with the election of Methodist book editor, Dr. Nolan B. Harmon. He received 317 of the 378 votes on the fourth ballot.

They will succeed Bishops Costen J. Harrell of Charlotte and Clare Furell of Birmingham, Ala.

They are retiring at this session. Dr. Hodges had led through the voting last night and early today. He received 210 of the 278 votes cast, and needed only 27 for election.

Others drawing support from delegates representing nine states and Cuba included the Revs. John Henry Whitford of Tusculooza, Ala.; Lee F. Tuttle of Charlotte, N. C.; G. Long of Atlanta and W. Lemuel Clegg of Durham.

## Evening Prayer

—Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we may have as our companion one who is King of kings and Lord of lords, and to whom all things are possible. When we are tempted to become discouraged, help us to remember that we are "sent heirs with Christ" in His name. Amen.