

# Notorious Ezra Pound Ideal Share Philosophy Of Kasper; Thinking Alike

From the Washington Bureau  
**WASHINGTON**—Pro-segregationist John Kasper's closest business associate disclosed here yesterday that Ezra Pound, pro-fascist under indictment for treason in World War II, "probably knows Kasper better than anyone else in Washington."  
 The disclosure by Mrs. Nora Devereaux came as the fed-

eral district court in Knoxville yesterday approved Kasper's release on \$10,000 bond pending his appeal of a one-year sentence for contempt of the court's order not to interfere with integration at the Clinton, Tenn., high school.  
 Mrs. Devereaux, manager of Kasper's book store here while he wages his war against inte-

gration, said Kasper paid visits to Pound at St. Elizabeth's (Washington mental institution), where the poet has been confined since 1945 as mentally unfit to stand trial for treason.  
 Pound was arrested by the U. S. immediately after his capture by American troops during World War II and charged with broadcasting anti-American propaganda from Italy which glorified fascism and attempted to create a dissension among groups in America.  
 Mrs. Devereaux said that some of Pound's philosophy shows up in pamphlets written by Kasper. "This whole organization is as far to the right as you can get," she said.

Kasper had been held on orders of the Knoxville court since last Thursday, when he was sentenced to a year in jail for contempt of court. The charge grew out of a speech he made to citizens of Clinton urging them to maintain segregation in the town's high school.  
 He was charged specifically with violating a restraining order which prohibited him from in any way interfering with admission of the first Negro students to a Tennessee state-supported high school.

**Turns Down Request**  
 Judge Robert Taylor, however, turned down Kasper's request for a new trial and warned that the injunction against his interference in the Clinton high school situation now constitutes a permanent ban.

Judge Taylor told Kasper he wanted to draw attention to one provision of the court rule under which he granted bail. It specifies that the trial judge may at any time revise the bail and order the defendant locked up.  
 Kasper was expected to be released today. His attorney, Benjamin Simons of Washington said Tennessee citizens would post personal property as security.

Although he was more responsible than anyone else for firing up the Clinton residents Kasper is actually a Northerner from New Jersey.  
 His full name is Frederick John Kasper Jr.—though he dropped the Frederick some place along the line—and he was born in Camden, N. J. on Oct. 21, 1920. His father, who died in 1951, was called "one of the outstanding fuel combustion engineers in the country" in his obituary.  
 He attended elementary school in a suburb of Camden, high



Ezra Pound  
 His influence shows . . .

school in Philadelphia, and got his Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia university in June, 1951. He did not serve in the armed forces.  
 Members of the family said he did not seem to be forming extreme racial theories during his youth. He was raised a Presbyterian.

After his graduation from college, he returned for his master's degree but didn't complete it. He opened a book store in Greenwich Village, known as "Make-It-New Bookshop."  
 He made occasional visits to Washington during this period and did some research at the Library of Congress, but he didn't move here until last November. It was then he opened the Campus book shop at 1246 Wisconsin ave. This store sells a wide variety of books.

Mrs. Devereaux isn't sure just how or when the shift from ardent anti-integration look alike in Kasper. When she first met him in New York through mutual friends in the book business, she does not recall that he talked at that time about segregation.

In his literature now, however, integration and communism are all mixed together. The cover of a large pamphlet he issued to the press this summer groups together "pink punks, flat-chested highbrows, homos, perverts, freaks, golf players, poolie dogs, hot-eyed socialists, fahans, scum, mould on top of the omelette, liars for hire, the press-gang, degenerate liberals crying for petrefaction of patriation . . ."  
 Last spring, according to Mrs. Devereaux, Kasper went



John Kasper  
 . . . In his writing

to Alabama as "a favor to a friend" unnamed, to join Asa Carter, White Citizens Council leader. He became convinced that Carter was the only sincere segregationist and became affiliated with him.  
 On June 6, Kasper called in the press to announce he was organizing a district White Citizens council associated with councils chartered by the North Alabama Citizens council headed by Carter.

To qualify for membership, he said, an applicant must be white, 18 and "believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ." He explained that the council is not anti-Semitic but Jews are not eligible. Ezra Pound was notoriously anti-Semitic.

**Reviews Objectives**  
 Objectives of the council here, Kasper told the press, was to halt integration in Washington, re-establish segregation, put the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the attorney general's subversive list, and eradicate "rock 'n' roll music."

A cross was burned in Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 23, on the lawn of a church while Kasper was inside interrupting a pro-integration group meeting.  
**Busy Behind Scenes**  
 Kasper's public activities during most of August cen-

tered on Charlottesville, but, according to Mrs. Devereaux, he was also busy behind the scenes in Maryland talking to any group—"any decent group, that is"—about how to conduct a school strike against integration.  
 She said the council organization spread like wildfire as he enlisted "strong men in each community—born leaders" to fight for continued segregation.  
 Between Kasper and Carter, she said, there is anti-integration organization down the entire Eastern seaboard. Kasper's councils, she reported, include Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and in the district which has three sections.  
 Mrs. Devereaux was asked specifically where the money comes from to support Kasper's travels, his brochures and handbills. At first, she said she still had a proprietary interest in the bookshop. Then, she said, "The NAACP spent \$100,000 to conceal the sources of its money, I hope we don't have to spend that much." And finally, she said she didn't know where the money came from but if she did, she couldn't tell a reporter.

**Bolt**  
**PITTSBURGH**—(AP)—A fear of thunder and lightning may have saved the life of 2-year-old Gretchen Graf yesterday.  
 Gretchen was frightened by a loud clap of thunder. She ran to the bedroom of her mother, Mrs. Edward Graf.  
 A few minutes later lightning hit the Graf home—and set Gretchen's bed afire. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze which spread to the bedroom.

**Allen Baptist Group Elects New Officers**  
**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky.**—The Allen County Baptist association, meet- ing yesterday at Adolphus, elected

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