

## Racial Equality In Schools Poses Mississippi Task

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Mississippi's Legislature is groping today toward a watershed program to equalize Negro and white schools, still fearful that the U.S. Supreme Court will abolish racial segregation.

The question in the 13-week-old legislative fight is how to maintain segregation, not whether to retain it.

Hovering over the conflict is the Supreme Court and its decision on the "brown" segregation cases. If the court bans segregation, a special legislative session would be called to abolish public schools and furnish tuition for private, segregated schools, in line with plans in Georgia and South Carolina.

Resolutions to abolish schools are pending in both houses, but they do not go into details. Under the "separate but equal" doctrine, Mississippi realizes it must lift its support for Negro schools to the level of white schools or face a comingling of races "by federal force from federal courts," as Gov. Hugh White phrased it.

Under a proposed compromise, construction of the major equalization item would be delayed until after the first year of the plan, while teacher's salaries would be equalized and a start made toward equalizing transportation. A \$6-million-dollar appropriation, with \$4 million for the first year and more needed for the second, would finance it. The original program called for \$6 million for two years.

**ICE CREAM AWARD WON**  
Ellis Bartram, 433 Alameda St., Roseburg, has taken third place in state competition for his chocolate ice cream making. He has been awarded a bronze medal. Rating was done by independent judges.

Bartram is plant manager and ice cream maker for Douglas County Creamery, manufacturers of Melo-Maid ice cream. His ice cream was judged on flavor, consistency and quality.

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## Camellia Show Given High Praise

The Roseburg Women's Club annual camellia show went over with a bang Friday and Saturday despite weather that threatened the quality of exhibits.

Mrs. Kenneth Ford, chairman of the show, said that many comments were received on quality of the blooms. The flowers were of good quality freezing weather in late March notwithstanding.

Mrs. Ford said that between 500 and 600 persons viewed exhibits at the Women's Club on Mosher Street. Each was presented with a flower.

Most awards were made Friday night, but she added that names of additional winners have been posted in the stores of chemical spray distributors in Roseburg which had given 21 additional prizes. The firms are Garding's, the Farm Bureau and Park and Shop.

Assisting Mrs. Ford were Mrs. J. M. Boyles and Mrs. O. D. McAllister. The chairman said, "Success of the show depended upon the work of all committees, the exhibitors and the many business firms that assisted us."

Mrs. Ford said that the club now is laying plans for its rose show on May 24-25. She will be chairman of that event, too.

## France, Too, Turns Down Soviet's NATO Bid

PARIS (AP)—France joined Britain and the United States Sunday night in rejecting the Soviet Union's bid to join the North Atlantic Alliance.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, speaking on a radio program honoring NATO's fifth anniversary, said with Russian entrance into the alliance group, "the Atlantic Alliance, whose single purpose is to protect us from a genuine danger, would lose all its significance and effectiveness."

## Benson PTA To Install Official Staff Tonight

Benson PTA will hold installation of officers at a meeting at 8 o'clock tonight at the school. Guest speaker of the evening will be Dr. Robert Cartwright of the VA Hospital medical staff. A film on "Family Relationships" will be shown. Refreshments will be served.

## CIVIL DEFENSE PROD

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Val Peterson, federal civil defense administrator, says despite much progress, "there is no civil defense organization in America equal to the problem we face."

He said it is the job of local civil defense authorities to face that problem and make ready for it.

## Roosevelt And Condon Given Demo Brush-Off

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that the national committee also has the right to decide how to use funds available for helping candidates "and in these cases we will exercise our right to withhold support."

Mitchell emphasized he was not expressing an opinion of the charges against either candidate, but indicated he objected to the idea that "our primary may be used for personal vindication."

Roosevelt's wife Romelia is suing him for separate maintenance. She charged him with adultery in three instances and introduced in the court proceedings a letter in which he admitted adultery with one woman. He has repudiated the letter, saying he signed it to keep a family dispute secret at a critical time during the war, when he was going overseas.

After once withdrawing as a candidate, Roosevelt re-entered the race.

In this connection, Mitchell wrote that the courts, not elections, are the proper forum for deciding "private litigation relating to a man's domestic affairs."

"I believe most Democrats would feel that the candidate would serve his party best by standing aside from election contests until personal problems are disposed of in the proper place," he added.

## Condon Denies Being Red

Condon was barred by the Atomic Energy Commission from a test at the Nevada proving grounds last May 1. Saying that "state political charges" were being revived against him, the first-term representative obtained a hearing before the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee.

He denied under oath that he or any member of his family was a Communist and said he had not inquired into the political beliefs of his former California law partner.

Mitchell said in his letter the congressional committee had made no decision and the AEC had not lifted the ban, and therefore he added:

"Condon carries the handicap of restraint from which other members of Congress are free. The charges on which these restraints are based must be considered as serious and continuing."

## SOCIETY TO MEET

The Douglas County Humane Society will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Roseburg City Hall, according to Mrs. D. E. Brodahl, president. A moving picture will be shown as a special feature.

## Knudtson's Remodeled Store Grand Opening Marks 68th Year Of Continuity Of Operators

A highly successful grand opening was held Saturday by Knudtson's Jewelry Store, marking the completion of remodeling of the business quarters. The store, with its modernized front and new interior appointments, was inspected by a large crowd throughout the day.

Theme of the opening, which is continuing throughout the week, is the continuity of the business, which has been a family institution since 1886.

It was founded in that year by the late Johnny Bryan, who had been crippled in earlier life, by what then was an unidentified disease, but which now is known as infantile paralysis.

Upon his death in January 1922, the business passed into the hands of his daughter, Anna Bryan. She employed an experienced watchmaker, Alvin M. Knudtson, who had recently been discharged from the military service following the First World War.

Mr. Knudtson and Miss Bryan soon were married and he joined his wife in management of the business.

Recently their two sons, Alan and James Knudtson, have taken over most of the management duties, although the parents still remain active.

That the business has been a family affair through three generations. Many relics of earlier operations are given a prominent place in the store.

The "regulator" by which Johnny Bryan kept railroad watches accurate to the second, still is in use. Also called into service recently was the set of gold scales upon which Bryan weighed in the "books" of Douglas County miners in early days and gave them gold and silver counts for their "dust." The scales were used again a few weeks ago when a miner donated a "poke" to the police fund.

## POWER POLE BLAZES

A California Oregon Power Co. pole between Gila and Lake on Sheridan Street was damaged Sunday afternoon when it caught fire, Roseburg firemen report. There was about \$20 damage.

## BANQUET SLATED

The 13th annual banquet celebrating the 14th anniversary of the birth of Samuel P. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, is scheduled at the Mallory Hotel 128 S. W. 15th Ave., Portland, at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Reservations may be made by contacting A. Braun, secretary-treasurer, at 1934 N. Moore Ave., Portland 11, Ore.

## Indochina Fort Halls Against Fresh Assault

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ent' pullback of 400 to 500 yards could in so way be called a retreat.

"It's merely a slackening of their line, probably for regrouping. The battle is far from over," the spokesman added.

**Robots Pay Heavily**  
Authoritative French sources estimated the Vietnamese had lost 21,000 killed and wounded — about half their original attacking force — in three weeks. But the fortress defenders — French, Vietnamese, North Africans, Foreign Legionnaires and Thai tribesmen — were still outnumbered.

The French planned to land hospital planes marked with red crosses today in an effort to transfer wounded from Dien Bien Phu to Hanoi. The plans for the mercy flights were broadcast to the enemy.

The French announced that the Vietnamese invaders into the kingdom of Cambodia had taken the town of Voence Sal, 30 miles inside the border.

## Senator Urges Political War To Save Indochina

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Gillette (D-Iowa) said Monday the United States is "deeply, dangerously and perhaps inextricably involved" in Indochina and should immediately start a "program of political warfare, as distinct from military measures."

He said in a speech prepared for Senate delivery this country should:

1. Demonstrate frankly and publicly that it wants the Indochinese states, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos, "to be completely free and independent nations."

2. "Bring the war in Indochina before the United Nations."

Both steps should be taken before the beginning of the conference April 25 in Geneva among the United States, Britain, France, Soviet Russia and Red China, the senator said. He is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Gillette argued that if the United States continues to regard the struggle in Indochina as "nothing but a military problem," it is left with what he called "a narrow set of ugly choices."

"Purchase peace from the Communists or make war against the Communists or abandon Southeast Asia to the Communists."

The price of peace, he said, would be recognition of the Peiping regime and seating of it in the United Nations and Gillette said Secretary of State Dulles, echoing "the prevailing sentiment of the Congress and the American people," has ruled out any such concessions.

## Oakland Slates Easter Service

By EDITH DUNN

Special programs are scheduled for both Palm and Easter Sundays at the Oakland Community Presbyterian Church.

Baptism of children and reception of new members in the church will be featured events.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of Holy Week, there will be special services also.

**Mrs. Huggins Home**  
Mrs. John Huggins of Oakland was brought home from St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland Sunday after being there the past two weeks.

Mrs. Huggins fell and injured herself in a Portland restaurant Feb. 21. She is now able to get around but will be in a brace for some time.

Mrs. Bill Hanson underwent surgery at Community Hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deaton from Ellettsburg, Wash., have moved into one of the Carl Dunn cabins in Oakland.

**Starts Trip**  
Mrs. Viola Hazelett has gone to Los Angeles to visit a sister who is ill.

She will meet her grandson there and will accompany him to Albuquerque, N. M., for a visit with her daughter. Later she will go on to Memphis, Tenn., for a visit with a son. Her grandson is in the U.S. Marines. This is his first leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dorman and children attended the funeral of Mrs. Dorman's grandmother, Mrs. Nancy McFarland, in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warren, Willows, Calif., were recent visitors at the Doc Saltsberg home. The two families spent Sunday in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chastine, former Oakland residents.

**Gen. Van Fleet's Son Now Listed As Dead**  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Capt. James A. Van Fleet Jr., only son of the former U.S. 8th Army commander, was officially listed as dead Monday two years after his twin-engine bomber crashed behind Communist lines in Korea.

Young Van Fleet's name was given out by the Air Force, without elaboration, along with 36 others carried as missing in action for more than a year and now presumed dead.

**H.E. UNIT TO MEET**  
The Unpopulous Home Extension unit of Oakland will meet at the Calapooia Clubhouse Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., reports Correspondent Edith Dunn.

Helen Chandler, county home extension agent, will have charge of the program. She will demonstrate touch-ups for wood furniture.

A potluck lunch will be served.

## Cold Weather In March Breaks One Record

One cold weather record was fractured and a second nearly broken by sub-freezing temperatures last month, according to Mark Lander, in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau station at the municipal airport.

Lander said that 19 times during the month, the temperature went below the freezing level, breaking the record of 14 days set in 1951. The month was one of five Marches in which more than 10 days of below-freezing temperatures were recorded. Others were 13 days in 1880, and 12 each in 1908 and 1917.

Records show that the second mark was missed narrowly. Last month, the mean minimum temperature was 31.5 degrees, only slightly balmy than the mean of 31.1 degrees set in 1880. The 31.5 degree mark is 7.1 degrees below the 77-year normal for March.

## Columbia Basin Farms To Be Offered To Vets

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ninety-one farm units, composed of 7,500 irrigable acres, some 15 miles north of Pasco in the Columbia River Basin Sunday were announced as being for sale by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Veterans who served between September 1940 and July 1952 will have preference for the farm units, which range in size from 43 to 135 acres and in cost from \$1,200 to \$8,584.

The bureau said a 45-day filing period for applications will start Monday, with applications to be submitted to its Ephrata office.

## Death Takes Norway's Crown Princess Martha

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Crown Princess Martha of Norway, 53, died Monday. She had suffered for three years from chronic hepatitis, a liver ailment.

She had visited the United States several times and spent five war years at Bethesda, Md., in exile from the Nazis.

Martha died at 4:28 a.m. At her bedside were her father-in-law, Norway's 81-year-old King Haakon VII, her husband, and their three children—Prince Harald, 16, Princess Ragnhild, 13, and Princess Astrid, 22.

## CEMETERY HEADS NAMED

Huron Gough was elected president of the Canyonville Cemetery Assn. in a meeting recently. Other officers are: Frank Drew, vice president; Mrs. Ralph Weaver, secretary; Mrs. Elmer Stanley, treasurer; and Howard Green, trustee.

The association has voted to place cemetery maintenance work out on bids. Cleanup days have been scheduled for the weekends of May 1 and May 22.

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