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One Right Way

Concerned people all over the nation have been waiting for months for the Supreme Court decision on segregation in public schools which was handed down yesterday.

It is unconstitutional for such institutions to segregate students. What can we now expect from the areas of this country where such conditions exist?

We have to be optimistic. We do not predict any dire consequences or race riots from the Deep South. Perhaps we overestimate the changes taking place in the Southern states, but we do know that a large group of enlightened Southerners have been working to eliminate this discriminatory problem.

Progress has been the order of the day in the South since the close of World War II. Returning veterans have influenced the old traditions of the South toward a more liberal and more realistic acceptance of its mixed populations. Industry and economic progress will certainly play a large part in the reception of this Supreme Court order. Discrimination, whatever its social causes, also has some economic background and if new industries are providing more jobs and more economic security for the traditional poverty areas of the South then movements to eliminate racial discrimination should be made that much easier.

Social pressure from other regions of the nation also has influenced the Southerner's desire to recognize and solve this problem of segregation and discrimination.

Of course, the ever-increasing enrollment of the public schools will add a strain to whatever steps must be taken for adjustments to existing situations. Crowded rooms, inadequate physical facilities, too few trained teachers in the classrooms—all will add to this burden of adjustment.

But, in the face of such a progressive, democratic and humanitarian decision, we have to be optimistic.

Such action has been over long in arriving. If there are problems, as there must be, these problems must be met in the spirit of a people who would remedy a wrong of long-standing.

Banning segregation in public schools was the only right decision the justices could make. If our public schools are to educate our young people for living in a democratic society, then those schools must maintain the ultimate in democratic living as an example.

If we sincerely wish to eliminate the problems of prejudice and discrimination, education, knowledge of other races and personal acquaintance can be a potent weapon. How could we continue instilling such emotions and ideas against other peoples through the medium of the tax supported school?

Right decisions are hard to make. They are much harder to carry out. We hope there United States can be successful in ultimately sending its children, white or black, yellow or brown, up the same paths of learning—together.

It's An Idea



"How about delivering your speech at the level of th' college freshman, Senator? Then perhaps some of th' professors would enjoy it."

Letters to the Editor

A Valid Point?

Emerald Editor:

A beautifully written editorial taken from the Eugene Register-Guard appeared last week in your columns. It's argument was that we should not fight McCarthy the man but "McCarthyism." This is, indeed, a valid point, and it is a fact that when McCarthy is beaten there will be another to take his place unless the philosophy and psychology of the people change.

But when the Emerald suggests that we should not bother to fight the man at all, but should only educate against the principle, the editor betrays naivete.

There were any number of German professors who would not soil themselves dealing with personalities but were against facism "in principle." And when the gates of the concentration camp snapped shut on them, they were still conducting academic discussions about facism "in principle" until they were turned to fertilizer, but they had lost the chance to oppose Hitler.

The fight against totalitarianism, therefore, must be carried on both against the principle and against the man. If another McCarthy bobs up from the sea of misguided people, he must be fought too. Principles personified in individuals can be more effectively fought than principles in the abstract.

But is it not true, as the Register-Guard says, that to conduct a campaign against the man is to resort to McCarthyite tactics?

Not at all—name-calling per se is not wrong, what is wrong is unjustified name-calling. When McCarthy speaks of the Democratic rule as "twenty years of treason," he describes it unjustly; there were no traitors in policy-making posts in the Democratic administration (unless you wish to call Alger Hiss a policy-maker, and even then that makes only one).

When we call McCarthy a "liar" our description is accurate; a whole volume of evidence can be brought forward to support the charge. When one sees the devil, he has a right to name him; else morality has no meaning.

Forbes I. Hill

(Ed. Note: In the editorial referred to in the above letter, which ran Thursday, May 13, the Emerald did not express any opinion on Senator McCarthy in the introduction to Bob Frazier's editorial taken from the Register-Guard. The introduction presented the facts of the organization of the Green Feather group at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and added, "But, before joining up with any group to rid America of the plague of McCarthyism, we'd like to present an excellent interpretation of the whole McCarthy problem . . ."

Frazier asked for a consideration of the basic causes lying behind the phenomena of McCarthy. We believe his thinking was clear and unemotional. The editorial ran as food for thought for this campus. We shall continue to think and to read before we climb on anyone's bandwagon for any cause.)

Instructors Hold ROTC Workshop

Air Force ROTC instructors from 12 Northwest schools will meet at the University of Oregon August 9 to 13 to discuss the new AFROTC curriculum.

The workshop will be under the direction of Cap. Matteo Salemi, assistant professor of air science at Oregon, and will include representatives from Oregon, Oregon State college, Willamette, Portland, and other Northwest schools.

"Leadership and Management," the first part of the new course which the AFROTC is introducing to Air Science IV students will be the topic of the workshop. Because of the psychology and counseling contained in the course, Richard Littman, assistant professor of psychology, and Ray Hawk, assistant director of student affairs, have been named as consultants to the workshop.

Captain Salemi, who will instruct the course at Oregon, will attend a workshop at Maxwell Air Base, Montgomery Ala., this summer to discuss the course with the authors of the text to be used. Salemi will also be the Oregon representative at a workshop on "World Political Geography" to be held at OSC during the week of Aug. 12. Next year this course will be taught to the military students by faculty members of the political science department.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Deadline for items for this column is at 4 p.m. the day prior to publication.

• The executive council of the YWCA will meet at noon today in Gerlinger hall, according to Sally Stadlerman, YW publicity chairman.

• The University of Oregon Alpine club will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the Student Union, according to Vice-president John Vazbys. Election of new officers will be held at the meeting, Vazbys said.

• Theta Sigma Phi will meet Thursday noon in the College Inn. Officers for next year will be elceted, Pres. Kitty Fraser has announced.

• The Hawaiian club will meet tonight at 8 in the Student Union.

Chem Society Meets Here

The American Chemical society is sponsoring a meeting of Oregon and Washington professional chemists here today in the Science building.

Wendell M. Stanley, University of California, will speak on the subject "Biochemical Studies on Viruses." Wendell is an international authority on viruses and was co-winner of the 1946 Nobel prize in chemistry.

The meeting is open to the public, reports George Gorin, president of Sigma Xi.

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4:30 Pi Mu Eps	Ger 2nd Fl
6:00 Amer Chem Soc Din	110 SU
PE Dinner	111 SU
6:30 Alpine Cl	334 SU
7:30 Amer Chem Soc	123 Sci
8:00 Hui O	333 SU

YMCA Officers Selected Monday

YMCA officers for the coming year were elected Monday night.

They are David Roberts, freshman in liberal arts, president; Dick Bates, freshman in liberal arts, vice-president; Bill Van Slyke, freshman in liberal arts, treasurer; Ed Hirano, freshman in liberal arts, secretary; and Len Calvert, junior in journalism, publicity chairman.

The outgoing president is Forrest Easton, senior in mathematics.

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