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Desegregation Must Proceed

De-segregation in schools does not become a fait accompli as a result of Tuesday's supreme court decision but it will make it more difficult for such states as Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana to maintain the discrimination which they have insisted is their right.

The first three states have new laws permitting abolition of public schools and the substitution of so-called private systems financed by the commonwealths themselves. Louisiana has a law requiring police to enforce segregation. As for the latter case, the court declared invalid all federal, state and local laws that require or even permit racial segregation in schools.

Tuesday's decision will not suit those who demanded that the court set a definite deadline to end segregation, nor will it suit those who maintained there should be no further prodding beyond the mere decision of a year ago when segregation was held unconstitutional. But it comes closer to pleasing the latter group than the former. It sets no deadline, merely saying segregation should end "as soon as practicable."

There is no doubt that what might be termed an indefinite verdict will lead to interminable litigation as time goes on. But with segregation formally held unconstitutional, and with the court definitely ordering compliance, those who have fought racial discrimination have plenty of ammunition to compel states and school boards to take action whenever such compulsion is indicated.

All the Tuesday decision did was to clarify, at least to some extent, the only rational interpretation which could or should have been put on its historic decision of May, 1954. Prejudice and custom unwind slowly. The supreme court has recognized that fact. It has also left to local governments the decision as to how fast or how slowly the unwinding should proceed—so long as it proceeds. Vigilance is needed to thwart stalling.

The Compelling Will to Win

The crowd got what most of it came for at Indianapolis Monday—a thrill. It was more of a thrill than most wanted. The 500-mile race was the bloodiest in the event's 25-year history. Veteran Bill Vukovich died in the flaming wreckage of his car and six other persons were hurt including Cal Niday whom many in Salem will remember from his appearances in the Hollywood Bowl here.

The tragedy won't affect the future of the classic, unless it's to attract even larger crowds. Neither will it deter drivers nor lessen participation. The competitive instinct itself is virulent, compelling; acclaim is music, and financial rewards are high. The Memorial Day classic in Indiana will remain one of the greatest sports events of the year. There will be study as to how to make it more safe, but as long as there are men and races, safety won't be the by-word of participants. They're out to win. We would hardly want to change it, but the consequences oftentimes are tragic. This is one of those times.

Conference Continues Without Any Sign Tito Falling for Russian Communist Line

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst

The jitters with which the Western world watched the beginning of the Russian-Yugoslav talks seem to be dying out as the days go on without any indication that Tito is falling for the Kremlin line.

Of course, the West doesn't know what really may be happening. But the general atmosphere seems to be one of Yugoslav determination not to have her independence undermined.

All the enthusiastic statements about the prospect for closer relations are coming from the Russians. There are all sorts of stories—some perhaps apocryphal—about the reserve shown by Tito.

The "mutual understanding" referred to in the Monday night communique seems merely to mean that the Russians have been given to understand Yugoslavia will not again become a satellite.

Justice No "Favor"

Unless one is to credit the Chinese Red regime with more sincerity than attends Russian "softenings," the release of four American fliers is a puzzler. They are said by the Reds to have "admitted their crimes and expressed remorse." They were charged with "intruding" into Manchuria. But 11 other American airmen whose B-29 was shot down in 1953 are charged with "espionage" and are serving 4 to 10 year sentences.

The supposition is that by piece-meal release of prisoners, who by the Korean truce were to have been freed two years ago, the Reds think they can better capitalize on world propaganda. Every time their Moscow guides believe the strings of tension should be relaxed, the freeing of a few Americans (of whom the Chinese still hold somewhere between 50 and 500) can do the trick. In the meantime, they still have enough hostages to serve as a weapon. It appears merely that the Chinese will release Americans if and when they determine such releases best serve their own purpose.

The explanation as to why India's Menon was chosen to announce the release of the first four is another question. At least they are released, and while certainly we don't accept the idea that such action was in any way merely a "small favor," at least we can be thankful for its result. We aren't looking for any "favors"; we'd be well satisfied with a modicum of plain justice and fairness if such is within Red possibility. So far, there seems little reason to suspect these attributes had anything to do with this week's welcome news.

Our Guests

National conventions are not strange to Salem, but neither are they frequent. So it is with special pleasure and pride that the city welcomes delegates to the American Jersey Cattle Club parley now underway here. The several hundred delegates come from all parts of the nation and many of them are on the West Coast for the first time. As major producers of a major food, they comprise an important segment of population. We wish for them an enjoyable and profitable time here in the Willamette Valley, and a most successful series of meetings.

Editorial Comment

AIRPLANE BUILD-UP NOT WHOLE ANSWER
The American people will approve last week's decision by the Air Force to step up by one third the production of the B-52 jet bomber.

This is the 600-mile-an-hour heavy bomber, with 6000-mile range, that would in the extremity of war with Russia deliver retaliatory U.S. H-bombs. So long as the two nations sit glowering at each other across the ice cap, it is well for this nation to possess such planes in quantity; they have obvious deterrent value, serving notice that Russia cannot hope to atomize the United States without being atomized in return. Thus, they are excellent insurance against a war of annihilation, and well worth their cost, no matter how high.

The pity is, of course, that any such insurance is needed. Yet the need has been newly established, to the satisfaction of the Defense Department, by the recent display of Russian aviation over Red Square. Russians exhibited aviation of a design and quantity that indicated that they, too, know about deterrents and insurance, and have the scientific, engineering and technical ability to provide them.

This was, perhaps, a blow to American smugness, akin to the discovery in 1941 that Japanese could, after all, fly airplanes. It will, nevertheless, serve a useful purpose if it inspires responsible authorities to give due attention to full development of the wellsprings of American scientific, engineering and technical ability.

The necessity to speed up B-52 production to keep ahead of the Russians, who seem to have caught up with us, may also serve a useful purpose. It may fortify the inclination, already apparent in Washington, to evolve a disarmament plan that is acceptable all around and workable—to find a solution that solves the problem, instead of enlarging it.

Meanwhile, nevertheless, it remains prudent to build B-52's.
—San Francisco Chronicle.

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago
June 1, 1945

Ora F. McIntyre, manager and principal of Capital Business College, was re-elected to serve her third term as president of the Oregon Licensed Business Schools Association.

25 Years Ago
June 1, 1930

Stirred by the slaying of eight persons and the wounding of four others in gang outbreaks, Chicago police began one of the most energetic gangster clean-ups in the history of the city. More than 100 alleged gangsters are in jail.

June weather appeared to conspire with a desire on the part of the majority of the city

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I guess some of them will make their mark in the world... Most of them will probably wind up like us: Filly... The world will make its mark on them..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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higher education budget came out with a five-page memorandum analyzing the budget and making certain recommendations. By vote of seven to six of the whole committee it was adopted and has been transmitted to the offices of the board and the heads of the several institutions. The presumption is that the memorandum should have binding effect on the actions of the board and the institutions under its control. There is no basis in law for such a presumption, and it would be a serious mistake on the part of the board to credit it with any such authority.

Insofar as the memorandum is a guide to the whole committee in the discharge of its duty of determining the appropriations for higher education, it is quite in order; and much of it is devoted to that purpose. But it should have been kept in the files of the committee, not transmitted as expressive of legislative intent to the state board.

Where the subcommittee really got over into administration is where it scaled down the allowance for academic salary increases and then recommended that the amount allowed be provided "principally through reductions in the request for an additional 173 teaching staff members to care for increased enrollment." This was to be done through increase in the student-teacher ratio. This clearly is a matter for the educational administrators to decide.

Again the memorandum urged cutting the scholarships for foreign students in half. The program already is very limited and has consisted in granting free tuition to some foreign students. It adds virtually nothing to the expense of the institution, and doesn't deprive it of income because the students would not come otherwise. In view of the effort to promote international understanding it seems rather petty to whack in two the number from foreign countries admitted on a free-tuition basis. Moreover, the matter is something that should be left with the administrative board, unless the legislature wants to write a law on the subject.

I repeat a criticism I have frequently voiced concerning assumption of unconstitutional authority by the emergency board which is composed of members of the legislature, principally those from the ways and means committee. This recurs in HB 728, for example, which appropriated nearly \$10,000,000 to the state board of control for building construction. Section 2 is as follows:

"Such appropriation shall constitute an appropriation to be available until expended; however, the Oregon State Board of Control shall not commence any projects or allow any contract to be let for such projects without having the approval of the Emergency Board."

But nothing in the constitution or in the law setting up the Emergency Board gives it any such authority. I helped to phrase the amendment, and tried to see that it was not included. The Emergency Board has power to allot sums of money from funds appropriated to it by the legislature; but these are funds appropriated to the board of control, or in other instances to the state board of higher education. This exercise of power to approve or disapprove is either a legislative function or an administrative function. If the former, it conflicts with the provision of the constitution which forbids the delegation of legislative power (save, of course, as that is permitted in a restricted way to the Emergency Board). If it is administrative, it violates the constitution which calls for the separation of powers.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

Children of the Black-haired People. By Evan King Rinehart.

In a small remote Chinese town some years ago, before the new, raw, crude China made much headway, there lived Third Immortal Maiden, who was in fact no maiden at all. She had been married to Yu, but Li Precious as Pearl, a village elder possessed of the animal gumption of a young man, had given her wine to drink and a beautiful robe to wear, and seduced her.

That alienated her from Yu, but introduced her to the townsmen. A spirit of prophecy seizing her, she began to tell the future while she also took to entertaining other gentry. She bought slaves, who entertained with her, and then sold them to houses in big cities.

As the novel opens, she has fallen in love with Chang Iron Lock, peasant farmer, who comes to her hut not to see her but her slave, Second Lass. The young couple hide their affair until Second Lass is with child, and then try to marry. The Maiden resorts to all sorts of wiles to foil them.

The author, who translated Laura Shaw's memorable "Rickshaw Boy," is familiar with the color and lore of Chinese life. Here are the farmer with his earthy habits, the villager victimized by superstitions and traditions, the woman bound meanly by custom, the man endowed with unfair advantages. The sights, sounds, smells and feel of a foreign land abound in these pages.

It must also be said, however, that all this falls somehow to add up to a novel. King seems to me to describe better than he evokes, to observe better than he creates. I relish this account, but I balk at calling it a novel.

Death Claims Mrs. Florea

Mrs. Mary Florea, 37, wife of Leo Florea of 4520 Monroe Ave., died Tuesday at home. She had been ill for some time. Arrangements are in charge of the Virgil T. Golden funeral home.

TOOLS TAKEN
About \$150 in tools was stolen from the Stayton Sand & Gravel Co. pit at Mehana over the weekend. State Police reported Tuesday.

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Shapely Red-Head Loses Long Fight to Keep Chicago Home

CHICAGO (AP)—A shapely, red-headed waitress lost the final kicking, weeping round Tuesday and was evicted from her home on public land.

For a year Lenora Davis, 32, a former ballet dancer, had stood off officials with the aid of a pistol and three Afghan hounds.

Her home was on Chicago Sanitary District property along the Des Plaines river in suburban Summit. District officials said they needed the land to complete a railroad spur to be used for dumping sludge.

Twice previously Miss Davis had shot at district workers, once wounding a truck driver, in trying to keep her home, a one-story frame house.

There was no gunplay Tuesday. A dozen police officers showed up. Some carried pistols. Miss Davis was barefooted, wearing blue jeans and a red jacket. She said she had sold her pistol.

Constable Walter Dudek ordered her to pack and leave. She tried to stall and Dudek said:

Lloyd Hudspeth Now in Redmond

CHICAGO (AP)—Lloyd C. Hudspeth, who came here 8 1/2 years ago and began building an extensive lumber and meat packing business, has moved to Redmond. He will direct his business operations from here.

He started with the Seneca Lumber Co. and the Long Creek Lumber Co. Last year he built the Economy Packing Co. at Long Creek. He has distributing plants at Hermiston, Prineville, Madras, Bend and Redmond. He added a Portland packing firm to his holdings a month ago.

Two state policemen held her as she kicked and flailed. An Animal Welfare League team took charge of the dogs. Miss Davis finally packed her belongings under the watchful eyes of the officials.

District employes splashed oil on the house and burned it to the ground. Miss Davis wept as she watched. She said she probably would move to a motor court near a restaurant where she works.

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