

Southern Manifesto Sets Off Fireworks in Senate; Morse, Neuberger Join Debate

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The racial integration issue set off an oratorical North-South conflict in Congress Monday, with the submission of the new Southern manifesto.

Most of the fireworks was in the Senate; the House met only briefly today.

The debate began when Sen. George (D-Ga.) formally presented the manifesto signed by 19 senators and 77 House members from 11 states.

It says the Supreme Court decision of 1954 outlawing segregation in public schools was "a clear abuse of judicial power" and pledges the signers to do everything legally possible to overthrow it.

Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) dared the Southerners to submit a constitutional amendment allowing

race segregation practices, and predicted there would be few votes for it.

Historic Debate
Morse also declared: "A historic debate is going to have to take place in the not too distant future because this Congress is going to have to determine whether it is going to back up the Supreme Court."

Morse said some forces were

trying to put themselves "above the Supreme Court of the United States and the Constitution."

Sen. Thurmond (D-SC), who led the States Rights Movement in 1948, told the Senate the South will "fight to the end" to reverse the court ruling.

All Lawful Means
"It would be submission to cowardice if we failed to use every lawful means to protect the rights of the people," he said.

"We are free morally and legally to oppose the decision. We must fight it to the end."

Morse, and Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.), said leaders on both sides should sit down and work out the problem in a calm way.

Humphrey said he was displeased to see the Supreme Court become "the subject of passion, antagonism and bitterness."

He asked that Congress back

up the court's segregation decision as "the law of the land," and said that "by holding back, you impede what is inevitable."

Bewildering Day
"This is a perplexing, confusing and bewildering day in the Senate," he said.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said President Eisenhower should im-

mediately call a white house conference of governors, senators and representatives from states "where the Supreme Court decision is being defied."

The White House said there would be no presidential comment on the southern manifesto.

George, in presenting it of the Senate, said it was not the product of hasty action. "It has been carefully considered by its signers for four of five weeks."

It was presented in the House by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va.). Smith said the court decision assumed powers the justices do not have under the Constitution.

Smith spoke of the nine justices as "temporary occupants of high office in the judicial branch."

Sen. Stennis (D-Miss.) said the court decision was unconstitutional and the signers of the manifesto had come together to do what they could about it.

"Even though now in a minority," he said, "we can exert power as to the confirmation of any new members of the court and will make a sustained drive against further judicial usurpation of power."

While the debate was going on, the court handed down another unanimous order in the segregation field. This held that state universities may not delay the admission of Negro graduate students for the time it takes to make an investigation of whether the admission should be granted.

In another action, the court put

Miss Lucy Foe Expelled



MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Leonard Wilson, 20-year-old University of Alabama sophomore from Selma, Ala., was expelled from the University Monday in action stemming from student rioting against Autherine Lucy, the school's first Negro student. University trustees said he was expelled for his part in leading rioting and for "unwarranted and outrageous public attacks" on school officials. (AP Wirephoto)

2 More Bodies Unearthed in Poison Deaths

(Picture on Wirephoto page)
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Investigators Monday dug up the bodies of another ex-husband and a daughter of a waitress who has already been charged with poisoning one former spouse.

Mrs. Rhonda Bell Martin, 49, was arrested at Mobile Friday on a charge of murdering her fourth husband, Claude Martin, who died in Montgomery five years ago. Martin's body, exhumed last week, showed traces of arsenic, said Asst. State Atty. Gen. MacDonald Gallion.

At the time of her arrest, Gallion also said authorities were investigating the deaths of seven other kinspeople of the dark-haired 170-pound waitress.

He said the bodies of another ex-husband, George Garrett; five children and Mrs. Martin's mother also would be examined for evidence of arsenic poisoning. All seven suffered from the acute diarrhea and vomiting characteristic of arsenic poisoning.

With a state highway patrolman on guard, the bodies of Garrett and his 11-year-old daughter, Ellyn, were taken from their graves today. The father died in 1939; the girl in 1943.

Mrs. Martin has been married five times, Gallion said. Her present husband, Ronald Martin, is the son of the dead Claude Martin. Ronald and his former stepmother were married eight months after his father's death.

The son also is suffering from arsenic poisoning, Gallion said. He has been ill for several months in a Biloxi, Miss., hospital and strands of his hair were found to contain telltale traces of arsenic, the assistant attorney general reported.

TV BAD UNDER ANTENNA
NEW YORK (AP)—All TV channels serving New York transmit from a tower atop the Empire State Building—and wouldn't you know that the worst reception was in the building itself because the TV waves flowed away horizontally and not down. A specially built master antenna has just been installed to take care of the situation.

Southern White Man Said Negro's Finest Friend

CLEVELAND (AP)—"The finest friend a negro has in the world," says a negro minister indicted for boycotting buses in Montgomery, Ala., "is the Southern white man."

However, the Rev. L. Roy Bennett, president of a Negro Ministerial Alliance in Montgomery, added that a "substrate" element is fighting for survival and causing confusion.

The Rev. Mr. Bennett addressed a rally here Sunday where \$3,274.18 was collected to aid Montgomery negroes in their legal battles.

"All we want is a dime's worth of ride for 10 cents," he said, adding that "were going to fight until we can sit down where we darn please."

World War I Shell Kills Two Boys

LONGWY, France (AP)—A World War I mustard gas shell has caused the deaths of two boys and felled doctors, nurses and an ambulance driver of the Longwy Hospital.

Parents and friends of the boys also have been affected by the deadly gas.

Four schoolboys found a 105 mm. shell of mustard gas Sunday on the outskirts of this town near the Belgian border, scene of heavy fighting 40 years ago. When they tried to dismantle it, the shell exploded.

Farmers summoned the ambulance to rush the boys to the Longwy Hospital. Two of them died on the operating table. Two are near death from their wounds.

At nightfall, members of the hospital staff began collapsing. They had been contaminated by the gas. In serious condition are two doctors who operated on the boys, the attending nurses and the ambulance driver.

An army decontamination squad is working over the entire hospital.

The Big Dipper and the Southern Cross can be seen at the same time from the Virgin Islands at certain times of the year.

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Montesi Case Transferred

ROME (AP)—An appeals court Monday ordered the transfer to Venice of the Wilma Montesi sex-scandal case "for reasons of public order."

No date was announced for the trial of those charged in the death of party girl Wilma on a beach near Rome in April, 1953.

Eugene Lad Wins Journey to U.N.

EUGENE (AP)—Kent Yockey, 18, Eugene high school student, is winner of the Pilgrimage of Youth to the United Nations essay contest and will visit UN headquarters in July.

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