

# School Segregation Arguments Go Before High Court Monday

Washington (U.P.)—The Supreme Court hears historic arguments Monday on how and when the states should lower once and for all the barriers of racial segregation in public schools.

Ten southern and border states are prepared to warn the justices of the "shock effect" of any immediate end to separate school systems for whites and Negroes.

Attorneys for Negro groups contended the states are exaggerating. They say the best way to solve the problem is to wipe out segregation immediately. Tolerance, they say, comes with association and acceptance of the inevitable.

The Eisenhower administration urges a middle course. It wants the Supreme Court to take into consideration the impact on southern states where segregation is century-old.

The arguments are expected to last about three days. They were ordered by the high court in an unprecedented action last May when it handed down its unanimous decision outlawing segregated public schools. The historic ruling struck down a doctrine established in 1896 that "separate but equal" facilities are constitutional.

It marked the first time in the court's 166-year history that it had asked for guidance and opinions on how a decision should be carried out. Its action underlined the justices' concern with the tremendous sociological impact of its ruling.

The attorneys general of the border states of Kansas and Delaware lead off the hearings. They have optimistic reports on progress already made in barring color distinctions in schools in their states. But they caution against any order requiring an abrupt shift.

Each Side Gets Hour  
The other three parties to the original suits — the District of Columbia, South Carolina, and Virginia — will argue Tuesday. In each case, attorneys for the Negro parents involved in the original cases will present their stand. Each side is allotted one hour.

Seven "interested" parties also are scheduled to outline their proposals. They are the Justice Department — representing the

administration — and Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Texas.

The arguments originally were to begin last Dec. 6, but were postponed until John Marshall Harlan could replace the late Justice Robert H. Jackson and provide a full bench.

Southern states are firmly opposed to any immediate piercing of the race barriers in public schools. Many southern legislatures have taken tentative steps to avert integration in event the high court orders an abrupt and outright end to separate school systems.

Most of these state proposals center around the principle of a segregated private school system coupled with a public school system for those who wish to attend.

A mammoth school construction program for Negroes was underway in the south when the Supreme Court threw out the separate-but-equal doctrine. As a result, Negro pupils in some areas now have better school facilities than white, and southern states are expected to use this as one argument for gradual abolition of segregation.



**SOMEWHAT** worried by it all, Harold E. Stassen, ex-foreign operations administration director, hears that Senate probes plan full-scale investigation of Pakistan grain storage contract, reportedly awarded to highest bidder. (International)

## Food Program Said Propaganda Source

Washington (U.P.)—The Communists are finding a source of propaganda in the slow operation of the United States surplus food disposal program, Rep. Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) said Friday.

"The Communists point to our warehouses and grain elevators bulging with surpluses," he said, "and claim that we will not share this unneeded food with the starving peoples of the world."

"Many seem to believe this propaganda," Cooley said, "because they do not know they can have this food just by making their wishes known."

Cooley said he would try to enlist officials of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in an intensified drive "to speak the word" about the availability of American food surpluses.

# Senators Hear Call for World Disarmament by Revision of UN

San Francisco (U.P.)—A steady stream of speakers appeared before two members of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee here Saturday and unanimously called for a revision of the United Nations charter that would provide world disarmament and curb world aggression.

The subcommittee, represented by Sen. John Sparkman (D-Ala.) and William F. Knowland, senior Republican senator from California, conducted a public hearing, one of a series being held throughout the nation, to obtain "grass roots" opinions on revision of the 1945 United Nations charter. The subcommittee is permanently headed by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), who was absent from Saturday's session.

Almost without exception, witnesses, speaking for themselves or for an interested organization, expressed the wish for some method whereby the United Nations could enforce world disarmament, a lack of which they felt was a major obstacle to world peace.

Suggestions ranged from broad general desires for a change to a recommendation from a Los Angeles man that Russia be expelled from the United Nations because the "USSR is the only root of war in the world today."

P. A. Horton, of Los Angeles, a member of the National Association of Sojourners, cited the growth of communism in the United States and the world and felt Russia should be expelled from the world organization.

Horton's suggestion that Russia be expelled from the United Nations brought a spontaneous cascade of applause from the crowded city hall supervisors' chambers and Chairman Sparkman had to mildly reprimand the spectators and other witnesses for showing approval or disapproval.

More than 90 applications were received from persons wishing to speak before the committee of the American Legion.

After listening to a statement made by Mrs. Erwin C. Sage, representing the League of Women Voters, Senator Knowland asked her:

"Has your organization discussed whether the Soviet Union should be allowed to remain in the UN, or has it presented a prima facie case for expulsion?"

Mrs. Sage said her group had not considered this point, adding, "The League believes that any changes which might be made in the charter should be limited to those which would strengthen the UN's ability to fulfill its twofold purpose: That of preventing war, and of promoting peace."

The matter of expulsion again came up following the statement from Mrs. Mary L. Sisson, of Berkeley, representing the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Mrs. Sisson said the International Court of Justice instead of force should be used to enforce peace and the disarmament of "all nations for security."

Senator Knowland then asked: "Should any nation not complying with the charter be subject to expulsion?"

Mrs. Sisson replied: "Nations can appear and be dealt with together."

Knowland: "Even nations supplying arms to another?"

Better With Russia In

Mrs. Sisson: "We are better off with Russia in the United Nations than out."

Other witnesses to appear before the committee included: Richard F. Scott, Oakland attorney and lecturer at the University of California; Daniel Del Monaco, Redwood City attorney; Herbert L. Frank, representing the East Bay chapter of the Atlantic Union committee; John A. Bustarud, San Francisco attorney speaking for the California Young Republicans; Mrs. W. J. Wasserman, Arcata housewife; and Leon Cappell, vice-chairman of National Foreign Relations

## Quick-Thinking Youths Receive Credit For Saving Life Of Mother, Youngsters

Seattle, Wash. (U.P.)—Two quick-thinking youths received credit Saturday for saving the lives of a distraught mother who threw her two children off a 60-foot bridge into a rainswept ship canal and then jumped in herself.

"Why didn't I die? I feel so sorry for them . . . to have a mother like me," sobbed Mrs. Ann Salisbury, 24, Seattle, after she and her two children were rescued from the canal Friday.

James Hayes, bridge tender on the Montlake Bridge crossing the Lake Washington Ship Canal, said the woman parked her car at one end of the bridge. She put her daughter Cynthia, 2, astraddle the bridge rail and had the child lean against her. Then she picked up Bryan, 4, and threw him over the side.

Police credited Jim Sherman, 21, and his 14-year-old brother-in-law, Guy Smith, with preventing the deaths of the young mother and her children.

"We were driving on the bridge when we saw this woman throw the little girl off the bridge," Smith said. "Jim stopped the car right then and we ran down to the bulkhead under the bridge and took off our shirts and jumped in."

"All three were floating on the water when we got down. We went for the little boy and girl first and by the time I reached the boy, I had to dive under the water to get him."

Just Going Down

Sherman said he reached Cynthia "just as she was going down."

The mother and her children

were taken to a nearby hospital where Cynthia was given artificial respiration. All were in satisfactory condition.

A policewoman said Mrs. Salisbury had been to a clinic recently and had been advised she

needed psychiatric treatment. Police said the woman would be kept at the hospital for examination.

Her husband, Frederick Salisbury, a salesman, removed the two children from the hospital Friday night.

## Man Who Got Phony Refund On Taxes Tripped by Dime

Hoboken, N. J. (U.P.)—Five years of collecting refunds on income taxes that were never paid ended for Charles Wenzel Saturday because he asked for 10 cents too much.

Wenzel, 45, of Hoboken, was held in \$10,000 bail after his arrest on complaint of Treasury agents in Washington, Detroit and Newark, N.J.

Filed Phony Forms  
Wenzel told U. S. Commissioner M. Lester Lynch he had been filing fraudulent W-2 tax withholding forms and claiming refunds since 1950. He said he filed two phony rebates in 1950, five in 1951, 15 in 1952, 18 in 1954 and 23 already this year. He received seven returns totaling \$2100 for 1954 so far this year.

Then he asked for a refund of \$400.10. Claims up to \$400 are approved in a routine manner. Anything requested over that results in an audit. Wenzel's request for a \$400.10 refund was audited. He was arrested.

Lynch said Wenzel would claim deductions for "his wife and two children" and show that he was entitled to a refund.

## Raft Lehi II Still Docked As Legal Tangle Unchanged

San Francisco (U.P.)—The raft Lehi II will sit out Easter morning moored to a dock in San Francisco bay instead of moving slowly to Hawaii.

The United States Coast Guard reported Saturday that no change in the situation had developed since the raft was attached and impounded by them Friday for fines levied against the first craft, the Lehi I.

Devere Baker, skipper of the ark-like vessel, was charged by the Coast Guard for failure to pay fines against the raft, which allegedly lacked a license, fog bell and whistles, life preservers and navigation lights.

Baker had planned to set sail for Hawaii today as a warmup for a 19,000 mile voyage from Jerusalem to Central America.

The harassed skipper claimed

that he no longer owned the Lehi II and had transferred ownership to Alfred Martin, an Oakland furniture dealer. He said he had no knowledge of the claims against the raft and added the Coast Guard had given him a clean bill of health recently.

## Intermediate Luther League Formed Here

An intermediate Luther league recently was organized at Zion Lutheran church for students of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Linda Slessler was elected president; Keith Berg, vice-president; Margaret Tizek, treasurer; Jean Bjorlie, secretary, and Hazel Creel, activities chairman.

The group is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Slessler, and anyone interested in joining may telephone 2-8820 for further information.

Regular meeting date schedules have not been set.

## Six Die in Crash

Brisbane, Australia (U.P.)—A Royal Australian Air Force bomber on a mercy mission crashed into a mountainside Saturday, killing all six persons aboard, including a newborn baby being rushed to a hospital.

The Lincoln bomber was carrying two-day-old Anna Huxley, suffering from a rare blood disease, and her nurse from Townsville to Brisbane for urgent blood transfusions.

Rescuers found the bodies of all four crewmen and the two passengers in a rugged mountainous area in New South Wales, some 100 miles southwest of here.

Chicago (U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson will outline his ideas on the current Formosan crisis when he delivers a major address here Monday night.

It will be Stevenson's first major address since last December, and will be broadcast from 10 to 10:30 p. m. EST over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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