

Integration Order Concentrated Dispute In Democratic Party on One Fiery Issue

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Washington—(U.P.)—The spotlight was on the New Hampshire presidential primaries yesterday. But the big political story is way down South in Dixie. In Dixie there are rumblings of another bolt—a big one. Three or more southern states have bolted the ticket in three of the past seven presidential elections. The solid South really isn't solid any more. Prohibition with a taint of anti-Catholicism caused the bolt of 1928 when Republican Herbert Hoover defeated Democrat Alfred Emanuel Smith. Mr. Hoover carried Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. President Truman was elected

in 1948 over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, despite loss of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina to a State's Rights third party. States Rights candidate Strom Thurmond, South Carolina, also picked up a single electoral vote in Tennessee. Race relations was the principal bolt issue in 1948. Issues Narrow Again. State's rights on a much broader basis was the principal issue which gave Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia to Dwight D. Eisenhower in his 1952 defeat of Adlai E. Stevenson. The issue dividing Democrats has narrowed again this year to the angry question of white and Negro children attending the same schools. Southern hatred of prohibition and fear of Catholicism distilled bitterness in 1928. Race relations and less painful issues aroused 1948 tempers. The 1952 election was all sweetness and light compared to these.

The 1956 campaign is building rapidly toward Democratic bitterness surpassing anything in the memory of most, perhaps all, voters. There was a hint of what may come in the Democratic National Convention four years ago. Northern Democrats then all but ejected from the convention the delegations of Louisiana, South Carolina and Virginia. Single Fiery Issue. The Supreme Court's order for integration of the races in public schools has concentrated the dispute within the Democratic party on a single fiery issue which seems already to be too hot to handle. Some Democratic conservatives have predicted a break in the so-called solid South this year unless the party's presidential candidate and platform plump for go-slow moderation in merging the schools. That suggests that Adlai E. Stevenson, Illinois, might hold the South together while Sen. Estes Kefauver, Tennessee, or Gov. Averell

Harriman, New York, might not. The spectacular depth and breadth of party division, however, only became evident with the "declaration of Constitutional Principles" published here Monday over the signatures of 19 southern senators and 77 representatives. Four more House members signed up later. There will be other signers—all pledged to oppose the Supreme Court's order by every lawful means. Right or wrong, these are serious men, most of them powerful in Congress and among conservatives of their political faith. They moved, they said, in defense of southern "habits, customs, traditions and way of life."



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Medford Airman Visits Old City of Chester in England

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 By A/3C TOM AMACKER
 Chester, England—RAF Station Sealand, a quarter of a mile inside Wales, where I'm stationed as an air policeman, is only six miles from Chester, England. On a three day break I thought it would be interesting to visit the oldest city in England. The city sits on a rocky sandstone spur at the head of the River Dee. Looking at the wall which runs completely around the old city, broken only by five gates, it is easy to imagine it as a Roman fortress, which it once was. After the Romans left, it was held by the Britons, the Saxons and the Danes. War and Strife. The city's history is one of war and strife for many centuries. It held out against the Conqueror longer than any other place. When it finally fell it was given to Hugh Lupus, a great Norman lord, who became the first Earl of Chester. From his day until the time of Henry III, the Earls of Chester held their own courts and parliaments here. The main streets take their names from the gates to which they run, north, south, east and west. The gates, Northgate, Bridgegate (on the south), Eastgate and Westgate (on the west) are the original entrances. The wall built by the Romans in the second century was extended and repaired in 907 by Ethelfleda, Lady of the Mercians, and it seems to be then that Newgate, a fifth entrance through the wall, was added. From the Northgate wall there is a beautiful view of the Welsh hills. Even in a city as filled with history as this one, the modern age makes itself felt. Take theaters for example. After working at the Holly Theater in Medford for a year and a half, I always seem to be comparing theaters in other places. I walked around Chester looking at the different cinemas (what the British call a movie house) and come upon one that looked like a church. It was the medieval chapel of St. Nicholas built by the abbot and monks of St. Werburgh's for the parishioners. In an ever changing career it has been a place of amusement, a theater where Grimaldi, Garrick, Keen, John Kemble and Mrs. Siddons appeared, a music hall, and now a cinema, perhaps the only medieval chapel which has survived to meet such a fate. How strange it is that here a chapel has been turned into a movie house, while in my own country more and more theaters are being used by church groups for meeting places. Proud of City. Most of the residents are proud of their city, even the young people. But the kids in their late teens and the young married people go to Liverpool for a night out. "Everything

Thornton Rules on Dissolution Election

Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has ruled that there was no limit to the number of elections for dissolution that could be held in Green sanitary district in Douglas county. In answering a request for an opinion from the Douglas county district attorney, Thornton also said the petitioners for dissolution could not be required to make a deposit to defray the costs of the election even though there was no available tax money to pay for the election. Petitioners are seeking dissolution of the district for the third time. NAMED TO FORT DIX. Fort Dix, N.J.—(U.P.)—Veteran golfer Len Cerrario, club pro at the Wanamassa course near Asbury Park the past 11 years, has been named to the same post at the Fort Dix Golf club. here closes about 10 or 10:30 so if we want much of an evening we have to go to Liverpool, one young man of 20 told me. Six thousand miles from home on a three year tour of duty in Great Britain, to keep from getting homesick for the view of the Oregon mountains, I shall have to keep busy. But, how else except in the service could I, not yet 19, hope to see Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain, Italy and other European countries? I shall try to describe them. Cheerio!

Hollywood Musicians Oust Union President Mental Hospital Plans Are Delayed

Hollywood—(U.P.)—American Federation of Musicians Local 47 early Tuesday ousted President John Te Groen at a mass meeting which lasted until nearly dawn. The end of the entire administration of national President James C. Petrillo was repeatedly demanded at the meeting of more than 1600 members of the local. Te Groen and the five members of a special investigating committee sent here by Petrillo were not present. The meeting had been declared illegal by the National Board of the AFM. The vote to fire Te Groen came at 2:30 a.m. and sustained the action taken Feb. 27 by a "rebel" group which "suspended" Te Groen. Today's action was voted 1535 to 51. Revolt leader Cecil Read, vice president of the local, said he did not believe the charges presented were "an indictment of Mr. Te Groen's character." But he added they were the result of "immoral and illegal pressure brought by the constitution of the AFM." One member, Bill Gross, called Petrillo a dictator.

Salem—(U.P.)—Members of the State Board of Control said Tuesday that both selection of a site for the new \$14,500,000 mental hospital and ordering of preliminary working plans for the intermediate penal institution near St. Paul were being held up pending a decision of the U.S. Air Force on location of its proposed air base somewhere in the Willamette valley. However, State Treasurer Sig Unander said the Air Force hopes to have a site selected by April 1, although complications could delay the decision until sometime in May. Board members said the flight plan of the air base must also be known before decisions can be reached on the present site for the intermediate institution and the several sites being considered for the large mental hospital. Ephrata, Wash.—(U.P.)—Merritt Chapman and Scott Corporation, New York City, was the apparent low bidder to build Priest Rapids dam on the Columbia river in Washington state 200 miles downstream from Grand Coulee dam. The firm bid \$91,878,825.

200 Foresters Plan To Attend Conference. Salem—(U.P.)—More than 200 foresters were expected to gather here Thursday for the biennial conference of state forestry department officials. Representatives of various cooperating forestry agencies also will attend. Gov. Elmo Smith will open the session. State Forester Dwight L. Phipps will outline the theme of the meeting which will be "a look into the future." Emphasis will be placed upon forestry plans and activities which emphasize timber as a crop. A high grade dairy cow may produce as much as ten tons of milk in one year.

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