

Supreme Court Expected To Ease Order on School Desegregation

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. William M. Colmer said today he believes the Supreme Court will head a "manifesto" signed by 101 congressmen and temper its order to carry out school segregation.

The Mississippi Democrat, in a United Press interview, said the court is a "political court" which is "influenced by public opinion."

Colmer was a key sponsor of the recent manifesto which termed the court's school desegregation order "a clear abuse of

judicial power." "Any declaration of 19 senators and 82 House representatives cannot go unnoticed," he said, and will have an effect on the court itself.

"This may well come about where questions of implementing the decision again come before the court," he said.

Ike Muffs Opportunity
Colmer, who has served in Congress since 1932, also said that "If President Eisenhower had stayed off his agitation for integration, he would carry every state in the south" in this year's election.

"Ike has muffed his opportunity," Colmer said. Colmer said the Southern solidarity illustrated by the manifesto shows what the south can do if its representatives stick together.

He said if southern leaders unity at the coming Democratic convention "the south's voice would again be heard," and a civil rights plank could be blocked.

"This is a golden opportunity for restoration of the two-thirds rule," he said. "That would mean a veto power on the platform and certainly on the type of candidate nominated for president."

Democrats Need South
"Those in charge of the Democratic party today realize they cannot win without the south, Mr. Truman to the contrary notwithstanding," Colmer said.

The two-thirds rule, by which a two-thirds vote is required for nomination, was abandoned at the 1936 convention.

Asked whether a strong stand for the southerners on civil rights, while northern Democrats are hard-pressed to woo

Negro votes from the Republicans, would mean a party split, Colmer replied:

"I am more interested in the south than I am in any party."

Contract Authorized For Haystack Dam

Washington — (U.P.) — The Bureau of Reclamation has authorized a \$721,802 contract for construction of Haystack dam and reservoir in Oregon, Interior Secretary Douglas McKay announced yesterday.

The dam is one of the principal projects of the north unit of the Deschutes irrigation project in central Oregon. The contract will go to the R. A. Heintz Construction Co., Portland, Ore., which submitted the low bid.

The Haystack dam and reservoir will cost an estimated \$1,600,000 when completed. It is needed to make more efficient use of irrigation water which comes from Wickiup reservoir located 100 miles upstream from Culver, Ore., McKay said.

Ashland Boy Reported Missing Is Located

Ashland — Ronald Keith Fuller, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuller, 600 Liberty st., was located in Ashland Monday evening after being reported missing from his home since Saturday, city police said.

Ronald claimed he failed to go home Saturday because he was late and feared punishment. Officers reported the boy had stayed in the broom closet of an apartment house for two nights and ate candy and carrots he found in a refrigerator

Portland Gas Users Face Rate Reduction

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Gas and Coke company filed proposed rate schedules with the State Public Utilities commission yesterday which would amount to an average of about 17 per cent over-all reduction for the company's 83,000 customers. The proposed rate decreases would go in effect with meter readings after November 1.

Company spokesmen said that the cheapest block rate will be 10 cents per therm under the proposed schedules, one-third cheaper than that presently in effect. Business and industrial customers along with home owners who heat with gas would be able to reach the 10 cent per therm price for a part of their winter bills at least.

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