

# New Orleans 'Cheer Leaders' Feel Strongly on School Integration



**DESTROYER CHRISTENED**—With determination in her face, Mrs. Harry D. Wortman christens the USS Barney, one of the U.S. Navy's newest class of guided missile destroyers at Camden, N.J. Recalling from the blow, left, is Harry W. Pierce, official of the N.Y. Shipbuilding Corp. Mrs. Wortman is a great-great-granddaughter of Commodore Joshua Barney, after whom the ship was named. (UPI Telephoto)

## Some Believe Whites Deprived Of Equal Rights

Editor's note: The women fighting to hold the segregation line at schools in New Orleans are described by policemen controlling them as the "Cheer Leaders." In the following dispatch the women, most of them housewives, voice their strong feelings about integration and their reasons for trying to block it despite court orders.

**By CARLTON F. WILSON**  
New Orleans — (UPI) — There is nothing personal about the way Mrs. Lee Hooks Jr. feels about the policemen who are called out daily to help enforce integration at the William Frantz School.

She hates the job they are doing, and she is bitter about the officials who send out the

## Ceylon Asks Broad Mandate in Congo

United Nations, N. Y. — (UPI) — Ceylon Saturday called for a broader mandate from the security council for Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's effort to restore order in the Congo.

Specifically, Ceylonese Ambassador Sir Claude Corea, with support from Indian Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon, urged that the United Nations take steps to reconvene the Congolese parliament to set the troubled country in order.

This would involve the release of ousted leftist premier Patrice Lumumba, as demanded by Russia, and an end to the "college of commissioners" regime headed by Congolese strongman Col. Joseph D. Mobutu.

## Laos Commander Heads Government

Vientiane, Laos — (UPI) — The commander of the Laotian army took over as head of a military government in this besieged capital Saturday night as pro-Western revolutionary forces massed on the outskirts for an expected drive to seize the city.

Gen. Souvanna Phouma, who read a statement to foreign diplomatic missions declaring himself president of a governing "high committee of the armed forces."

The army chief said the army had been delegated "all civil and military powers" by Premier Souvanna Phouma Friday shortly before Souvanna fled out of the country. The premier fled after failing to effect a compromise in the three-cornered struggle for power among Laotian nationalists, pro-Communists and rightists.

police. But the feeling doesn't spill over to the policemen individually.

Last week she brought them coffee in a large picnic-type vacuum jug and served it in paper cups to help ward off an early winter chill. This week the weather was balmy.

Her friendly act won this 29-year-old housewife a nickname of "Mother." She is one of the "Cheer Leaders" — a group of from 40 to 60 women who gather each day to demonstrate against integration at the school where a Negro first grade girl is enrolled.

But there have been some incidents.

**Woman Throws Egg**  
A Negro truck driver stopped at a traffic light in front of the school Tuesday, and a white woman threw an egg at him.

The egg missed the Negro's head and smashed against the roof of his cab. The man glared and drove on.

The egg thrower was Mrs. Antoinette Andrews, 42, one of the "Cheer Leaders."

"I don't think the niggers are equal to the whites," said Mrs. Andrews. "Their heads are too hard to learn what our children can do."

Mrs. Andrews has four grown children and six school-age grandchildren. She has belonged to a local White Citizens Council for five years, and went to Baton Rouge last month to encourage the state legislature to fight school desegregation in New Orleans.

"We are going to win — we've got to," she said in an interview.

Mrs. Andrews and her husband, a fireman, are admirers of Gov. Jimmie H. Davis. "Thank God we've got a governor who is sticking with us," she said. "If all the other governors were like him, we wouldn't have integration."

**Opposes Church Efforts**  
Mrs. Andrews, a full-faced woman with streaks of gray in her black hair, attends the Roman Catholic Church but says "I don't put a nickel in the box." She opposes church efforts for desegregation.

She has lived in New Orleans all her life, and said "most of the niggers in this city don't want to go to an integrated school."

The other members of the "Cheer Leaders" feel the same way, Mrs. Hooks said. "We wouldn't have any trouble if the mayor would leave us alone."

She sent Mayor de Lesseps Morrison a telegram this week that said: "Glad to see you fell into the hands of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)." She signed the wire "an intelligent demonstrator."

Mrs. Hook's husband is an electrician "who doesn't work with niggers." Her two school-age sons attend a Catholic school. She has demonstrated

at the public school because she fears parochial schools will be next to integrate.

One of the oldest of the demonstrators is Mrs. Vesta Alexander, 60, whose daughter and grandchild also are part of the crowd outside the school.

**Charges Inequality**  
"The mayor is not looking out for the interests of the white people," she said. "We don't think we are getting a fair deal."

"We are not getting equal rights," Mrs. Alexander added, complaining about the 91 policemen who keep hecklers away from the school.

Her daughter, Mrs. Marie Jenkins, 31, said her children "don't want to go to school with niggers."

Jenkins is a truck driver. The family is to enroll a nine-year-old son, Ray, and an eight-year-old daughter, Kathy, in a private school for white students who formerly attended Frantz.

Pointing to red paint smeared on the front porch of the Rev. Andrew Foreman, a Methodist minister who continues to take his daughter to Frantz, Mrs. Jenkins said: "We have been booing and hollering, but it looks like the painting is the only thing left to do."

Some of the women protesting school desegregation are single, as is Miss Betty J. Clement, 26, a slim blonde.

"Mixing is definitely wrong," she said. "Negro schools are newer and prettier than the ones for white students, and they (Negro students) will take over all the schools if we integrate."

**Opposes Mixed Marriage**  
Miss Clement is opposed vehemently to interracial marriage, and said she does not even speak to three Negroes who work as deliverymen at the office where she runs a mimeograph machine.

"If all the mothers will withdraw their children from the integrated schools we will win the battle," Miss Clement said.

The crowd of "Cheer Leaders" is only partly organized. Two of the women have formed organizations and are signing up members.

Mrs. Evelyn Jahneke, a 54-year-old divorcee with no children, organized the "Southern Rescue Service." She said it is a "patriotic ladies' organization" and designed a badge that is intended to look like a police badge. She sells the badges for \$1.75 each.

Mrs. B. J. Gaillot Jr. organized the "Save Our Nation,

Inc." and refuses to say how many members she has because the NAACP will not do so. She has not missed a day at the school.

As one woman put it: "I've been here from the start, and I'm staying to the finish."

## PT Boat Will Have Part in Inaugural Parade on Jan. 20

Washington — (UPI) — A PT boat carrying members of the original crew of the craft commanded by President-elect John F. Kennedy during World War II will be "floated" down Pennsylvania ave. during the inaugural parade Jan. 20, it has been announced.

The PT (Patrol Torpedo) boat will be one of the highlights of the mammoth parade, which will wind its way from the Capitol along Pennsylvania ave. and past the White House, where the new President will review the marching units.

As a young lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy during World War II, Kennedy skipped a PT boat which was rammed and sunk by a Japanese destroyer in the Pacific. After the sinking, Kennedy, despite a severe back injury, swam three miles to an island towing an injured crew member to safety.

More than 15,800 members of the armed forces will take part in the colorful parade, which will follow the inauguration, according to an announcement by Maj. Gen. C. K. Galley, chairman of the armed forces participation committee.

Among them will be 40

marching military units, including 1,000 bandmen from all the military services. Also on display will be more than a score of the most modern weapons from the nation's military arsenal, including Army and Navy missiles, models of the Air Force B-70 and X-15 aircraft, a half-scale model of the Navy bathyscaphe Trieste (an underwater laboratory) and carrier fighter aircraft.

Among the 4,823 men and women from 15 Army units participating in the parade will be 1,800 cadets from the West Point Military Academy; five Navy units totaling 4,380 members, including 3,700 midshipmen from the U. S. Naval Academy; five Marine units numbering 1,255 men and women; 3,820 Air Force personnel, including 1,760 cadets from the Air Force Academy; and 1,130 Coast Guardsmen, including the cadet corps of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, and 600 future officers of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy.

**Musical Units Named**  
Musical units taking part will include the U. S. Military Academy band, the U. S. Army band, the U. S. Marine Corps band and bugle and drum corps, the U. S. Air Force band and drum and

bugle corps, the U. S. Navy band, the U. S. Naval Academy band, the U. S. Air Force Academy band, the Women's Air Force band from Norton Air Force base, the Women's Army Corps band from Fort McClellan, the ROTC band from The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and a composite Air National Guard band made up of bandmen from the New Hampshire, California and Massachusetts Air National Guards. The Coast Guard and Merchant Marine also will provide bands to accompany their marching units.

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## Prison Inmates To Lose Boots, Shoes

Salem — (UPI) — Marion county Sheriff Denver Young says boots and shoes are out for county jail inmates beginning today and all prisoners will be given rubber Japanese sandals.

There are two reasons for the move, he said, security and sanitation.

Last summer some inmates took off their shoes and used them to beat another prisoner. Recently a prisoner used his shoe to smash a window.

The sandals, purchased in San Francisco, will be distributed to inmates and their boots and shoes will be checked and given back to them when they are free.

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