

Two Legislatures In South Facing Racial Issues

Nashville, Tenn. — (UPI) — Georgia and Louisiana are the only southern states whose legislatures in January face extensive work in bills dealing with school integration.

Southern school news reported Saturday the outlook in the other 12 southern and border states, shows "the probability of a legislative letup."

In an article by Tom Flake, associate director of the Southern Education Reporting Service (SERS), the publication said Louisiana and Georgia lawmakers might take action concerning court-ordered integration of schools in Atlanta and New Orleans.

Court Fights

New Orleans currently is engaged in court fights over school integration in two of the city's public schools. Atlanta has been ordered to integrate its schools next fall.

The predicted letup in the legislatures follows a seven-year-period during which lawmakers in the 14 states have passed some 300 laws, resolutions and state constitutional amendments "in efforts to prevent, restrict or control school desegregation."

Among these "restrictive" measures, the article said, were pupil placement laws, provisions for private schools and for tuition grants, authority to close schools, repeal of compulsory attendance laws, and penalties against organizations and individuals who advocate integration.

The report said state legislative sessions scheduled for 1961 include those in Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma and West Virginia, border states; in the middle states of Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas, and in five deep south states — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina.

Reasons Differ

Flake said the reasons for the expected slackening in legislative output on the segregation-integration issue differ somewhat by geography.

In border states which have started to develop completely "nonracial school policies" lawmakers "show little inclination now to touch on the subject," the article said.

Further south, Flake reports, "it appears to be largely a matter of (1) reliance on existing statutes, at least for the time being, or (2) watchful waiting, to see what happens before making further major moves."



WIVES VISIT UN—Shown during a visit to the United Nations are the six wives of the crewmen of the RB47 downed by Russia. From left they are Mrs. Dean B. Phillips, Inwood, N. Y.; Mrs. Eugene Posa, Santa Monica, Calif.; Mrs. Willard G. Palm, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Mrs. Oscar L. Goforth, Sardis, Okla.; Mrs. John McCone, Tananoxie, Kan., and Mrs. Freeman E. Olmstead, Elmira, N.Y. (UPI Telephoto)

Nation's Banks See Another Banner Earnings Year in 1961

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New York — (UPI) — With a banner earnings year under their belts, the nation's banks look for at least comparable results in 1961.

The earnings picture this year was helped by profits on securities, in contrast to the heavy losses taken by the banks on government bonds in 1959.

Standard & Poor's said bank earnings will be adversely affected in the first half by reduction in interest rates that took place in 1960. The rate decline was sharp in the field of short-term loans and investments.

A further reduction in rates is possible, especially if business conditions deteriorate markedly, the statistical agency said, but predictions of economic improvement in the second half may influence maintenance of the current 4.5 per cent prime rate.

The average return on loans and investments of banks in the first half will run behind the like 1960 period, but the situation should change for the better in the second half.

Standard & Poor's also listed several other factors that will have a bearing on bank earnings in the new year. It noted that wages and salaries have been increasing steadily, but because of the more rapid growth in operating income they now account for about 28 per cent of operating income, against 32 per cent in 1959.

Many banks have begun to effect considerable savings through the use of new equipment designed especially to increase efficiency of operations.

Constructive Mergers

In addition, the agency said that mergers and extension of operations through branching, as is permitted by the omnibus banking bill in New York, are constructive from a long term standpoint.

Despite the slow down in business activity this year loan volume of banks held up well, with each class of loan

remarkably steady. The average amount of loans ran about 6 per cent above 1959.

There probably will be some decline in loan volume in early 1961, but an improvement in business conditions in the second half should be accompanied by increasing credit operations. This should bring loan volume for the full year close to the 1960 record.

Prisoner Can Face Jail, But Not Dentist

Gulfport, Miss. — (UPI) — Willie Bill Norman, 24, was able to face the tedium of an impending 18-month jail term for burglary, but the drilling was too much for him.

Norman asked a deputy to take him to a dentist Thursday. He settled down in the dentist chair, took one look at the good doctor checking his drills, and leaped out of the chair and through a window.

Police were still looking for him today.

Drivers Linked To Suicide and Homicide Rates

Fort Worth, Tex. — (UPI) — A study by a Texas sociologist shows that aggressive, hazardous drivers and people who commit murder and suicide have common characteristics.

The sociologist, Dr. A. L. Porterfield, is chairman of Texas Christian University's sociology department. He reported on his study in an article for the American Sociological Review entitled, "Traffic Fatalities, Suicide and Homicide."

He pointed out that automobile accidents kill nearly 40,000 persons a year in the United States. There must be reasons other than "lack of driver education, driver fatigue, deficiencies of roads or machines, or that the fact that the driver 'took one for the road,'" Dr. Porterfield said.

He reasoned that drivers with little regard for their own lives or the lives of others have higher rates of accidents than drivers who put a high value on human life.

Lack of Respect

He also reasoned that his "lack of respect for life" might be estimated by checking the suicide-homicide rates in a given population area. So he compared statistics on traffic fatalities and suicide-homicide rates in 80 metropolitan areas.

In nearly every area, he found that if the suicide-homicide rate was high, so was the traffic fatality rate. If the suicide-homicide rate is low, the traffic fatality rate was low.

"Whatever factors play a part in the positive correlation of suicide-homicide and accident death rates, there is no doubt that aggressive, hazardous driving is likely to be characteristic of persons sim-

Ullman Said in Line For Committee Post

Portland — (UPI) — Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) is reported to be in line for a seat on the powerful House Ways and Means committee which frames all tax measures.

The Oregon Journal's Washington bureau said Ullman was "virtually certain" of appointment to one of the committee's two Democratic vacancies.

Cuba Charges U.S. Has Invasion Plans

United Nations, N.Y. — (UPI) — Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa charged last night that the United States would launch an invasion of Cuba "in a few hours." He demanded that outgoing Security Council Chairman Valeriy Zorin of the Soviet Union immediately call a meeting of the council to hear his charges.

Zorin, council chairman for December, wound up the last few hours of his chairmanship early today without calling the meeting. Sources said he probably would refer Roa's request to his successor, Omar Loufi of the United Arab Republic.

Roa told Zorin that the United States was ready to start "a direct military aggression against the government and people of Cuba" by "armed groups of the United States and the mercenaries at their service."

(White House Press Secretary James Hagerty commented, "Nuts" when informed of the Castro press charges in Washington.)

Similar to those who have suicidal and/or homicidal tendencies," he wrote.

"Possibly we should begin to check the driver's attitudes and personality attributes as closely as we check his ability to steer a vehicle during a driving test."

Russians Far From Peaceful Nuclear Power Development

London — (UPI) — Russia admitted Saturday its scientists still are far from harnessing nuclear power for general peaceful use.

The Soviet news agency Tass quoted the president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, Aleksander Nesmeyanov, as saying "for several decades more, carbonic fuel-oil, gas and coal — will remain the main source of energy in the world."

Nesmeyanov made the statement in an article in Saturday's issue of the Communist party organ Pravda.

Referring to the potential source of energy from nuclear transformations Nesmeyanov said "We are now only halfway on the road to solution of this task."

Controlled Fusion

He said that obtaining controlled fusion was "task number one" for scientists working on energetics.

"It is impossible to say how soon physicists will successfully accomplish this task, but its realization will be a strategic breakthrough," he said.

Nesmeyanov predicted that once the new source of power had been tapped there would be development of the world's "poor and scattered" mineral resources. These were much greater, he said, than the "concentrated and rich" resources now being worked.

Food Synthesis

He also foresaw great strides forward in the chemical industry, and automation, to be followed by synthesis of foods and eventually solution of the fundamental problem of the functioning of the live cell.

Nesmeyanov looked ahead

to world in which science would become increasingly precise.

"The generation which is now entering school will live and create in a much more mathematized world," he said.

Corrected Schedule Listed for Courses

Ashland — A corrected schedule for local college-credit evening classes has been announced by the general extension division of the state system of higher education.

Beginning Jan. 4, course Ed 487, applied mental hygiene, will meet Wednesdays. Courses Ed 470, education of the exceptional child, and Soc. 440, group dynamics, will meet Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 3.

Additional information is available by contacting the southern regional office of the general extension division, Southern Oregon college, Ashland.

STUDENTS ARRESTED

Chilpancingo, Mexico — (UPI) — Scores of university students were reported under arrest or in hiding Saturday as reinforced federal troops patrolled this tense Guerrero state capital after a clash between troops and opponents of the state government in which at least 12 persons were killed.

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