



HUSBAND DEAD—Mrs. Condon E. Terry, Dallas, Tex., tells how her Air Force husband, Capt. Condon E. Terry, fought and died in South Viet Nam, "the wettest, buggiest, dirtiest place on earth". Mrs. Terry described how her husband volunteered for the assignment as military adviser. The mission lasted five weeks before he was shot down and killed with his Vietnamese pilot June 27 while on a strafing run against Viet Cong guerrillas. Mrs. Terry is shown with her two children, Condon E. Terry III, 8, left, and Dennis Wade Terry, 5. (UPI)

Tongue Point Said Unsuitable As Recruit Base

Washington — UPI — The Coast Guard said Thursday that the abandoned Tongue Point Naval Station near Astoria, Ore., would be "completely unsuitable" for use as a recruit training center.

Capt. R. R. Smith, chief of the Coast Guard's Shore Units Division, said he had inspected the site as a possible site for West Coast training activities now centered at Alameda, Calif.

The Coast Guard officer said it would cost \$8 million to \$10 million to restore the former Navy installation as a recruit center. He said it provided accommodations for only about 500 men, while the training station would require housing for from 1,500 to 2,000.

Alameda Base To Be Kept

The Coast Guard has been seeking a site for relocating training facilities at Alameda, but Smith said it now appeared the California facility would be retained.

He said it had been estimated that major rehabilitation work required at Alameda would cost from \$15 million to \$20 million. However, he said, the cost could be spread out over a period of years.

Smith said the cost of converting the Oregon base for training use by the Coast Guard would be "too high" and that the base itself was "too big."

However, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore), who has demanded that a use be found for the station, has suggested the base could be shared by more than one agency.

Smith said the Coast Guard had looked at several West Coast installations that have been declared excess and abandoned by the Defense Department. None, he said, had turned out to be suitable.

Other Coast Guard officials had indicated earlier that Tongue Point was the only

one still being given serious consideration in the search for a new training site.

The officials said investigations of several West Coast sites had been strictly "exploratory" and that there were no plans for abandonment of recruit training at Alameda in the near future. No funds have been budgeted for a new site, they said.

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Local Action Groups Help To Solve Integration of Schools

By AL KUETTNER
UPI Correspondent

As racial segregation barriers have toppled in school districts of the South, grassroots citizens' organizations spearheaded by parents and teachers often have paved the way to a peaceful transition.

Since the days of the Central High School desegregation crisis in Little Rock six years ago, the local action groups have had their fling at the civil rights issue. Their names have become staccato symbols of the problem. S-O-S. ABLE. OASIS. HOPE.

Those were the trademarks for parents who banded together to insure continuing classes in the face of hometown integration.

A new group in Birmingham has joined the others.

Held First Meeting

The organization is known as PEP for "Public Education Peacefully." It held its first meeting Tuesday night in Birmingham, which has been ordered to submit a school desegregation plan in August.

J. Vernon Patrick, an attorney who lives "over the mountain" in the residential suburb of Vestavia, presided in a courtroom on the third floor of the Jefferson County Courthouse. With him up front were six or seven PEP leaders who had hoped to attract a crowd sympathetic to keeping schools open, even if desegregated.

A crowd of approximately 350 packed the courtroom, spilling into the balcony. They carried placards with such remarks as "Birmingham—Betrayed But Not Beaten."

Patrick and his PEP group tried to talk about schools but it did not go well. Ralph Edwards, a steel mill worker who identified himself to the crowd as "redneck," told Patrick to "sit down, you don't even live in Birmingham."

Patrick Was Ignored

Patrick's group had brought a projector and a document-

ary film about how Dallas, Tex., had peacefully desegregated its schools. The chairman asked someone in the back room to turn out the lights so the film could get started. He was ignored.

The meeting finally broke up without any action. Outside segregationist pickets paraded around the courthouse.

Another Alabama grassroots session went into action with better success. This was "Alabamians Behind Local Education" (ABLE) at Mobile, which also has been ordered to desegregate schools. The group was promptly designated as ABLE.

An ABLE announcement said that "whatever our feeling on this issue, Mobilians must stand together again to preserve the school system for which we have worked and paid taxes."

"Save Our Schools"

A delegation from Atlanta's "Help Our Public Education" (HOPE) and an "Organization for Assisting the Schools in September" (OASIS) went to Mobile recently to confer and give advice. Mobile was following much of the Atlanta plan.

In New Orleans, a similar group was called "Save Our Schools" (S-O-S.) Jacksonville, Fla., picked the title of "Aid September Students in Sensible Transition" (ASSIST). Five such groups were active in Virginia.

Basically, the activities of all the groups were the same—providing speakers for civic and community clubs and PTA meetings and lobbying before legislatures and local government bodies. They have worked to encourage discussion of the problem. They have helped school and police officials in spotting and ironing out difficulties before, during and after the transition.

Mrs. Dan Burge, of Atlanta, a HOPE leader who went to Mobile, said "We found there a group that didn't want to overturn the community but simply wanted to prepare for this thing in a calm and intelligent way. They didn't want to bypass anything except racial misunderstanding."

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, accompanied by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Pima Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Greta D.—It's my brother's turn to shelter our father.

Lloyd N.—My wife won't have him in the house.

Greta D.—When my father's second wife died last year, he came to live with my husband and me. We had some difficult adjusting to do especially to get our teen-age children used to the idea of having an aged parent around, an old man's been a restricted life for us all. What helped us stick it out was the agreement I'd made with my brother to take turns caring for Dad. Lloyd was to receive him in September, but now he's backing out.

Lloyd N.—My father's a remarkable old boy of 87, and I love him dearly, but I can't do more for him at this point than help out financially. I've had a year in which to try to change my wife's animosity toward Dad and I've failed. She recalls how he opposed our marriage (she was a divorcee), and the many times he tiffed with her. I'm caught between them. I thought after all these years I should be "big," but Dad would be miserable with us.

The Council—Behind Lloyd's statement lurks the cloud of an unhappy marriage, a "cold war" existence of two who go through the motions of the married without having a real marriage. Since this case is not primarily about Lloyd's wife, she'd be surprised at what her kindness to her father-in-law could achieve for her marriage and her own happiness. If she has any love for her husband, she should see the pain in his eyes now, and lessen it by helping him "do right by" his dad. . . . As a September suggestion, here's a two-way approach: To give Greta some respite, Lloyd makes himself responsible for their father's week ends. If he can't play host to the venerable gentleman, he can at least call for him each morning and "companion" him for the day. Meanwhile, a family counselor or either a specialist on marriage or on aging should be consulted about the sick fears which keep Lloyd's wife from making him, his father, or even herself happy.

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