

# Race-Minded Lawmakers Renew Institute Outlay

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Race-minded Alabama lawmakers have renewed their outlay to Tuskegee Institute, but it may become a legal springboard to publicly financed private white schools.

The \$767,000 two-year grant, roughly 10 per cent of Tuskegee's budget, also poses as a veiled dagger which could strike at the financial heart of the famed-Negro college.

Amid corridor-talk of the new segregation scheme, it was clear more than idle generosity prompted the legislature Wednesday to earmark \$383,000 for Tuskegee next year and \$384,000 the following year.

Legislators privately planning the legal test, aimed at a ruling

on whether public funds can be used for private segregated schools, figure they have nothing to lose and all to gain.

Giving the U. S. Supreme Court such a major segregation riddle, the strategists say, would result either in economy or—better still—in a possible new way to keep Negro children out of white schools.

Key to the court test is a promised suit challenging the Tuskegee appropriation as an illegal use of public funds on a private segregated school. Only Negroes attend privately endowed Tuskegee Institute.

State money has been allocated annually to the college under a 1945 law providing aid for students who want specialized courses unavailable in tax-supported institutions.

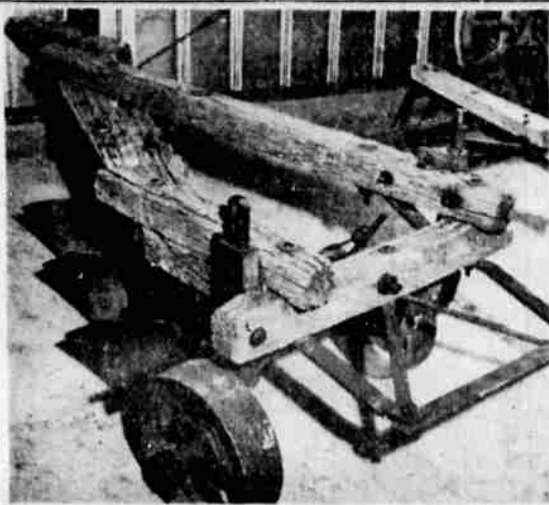
Planners of the private school test want the Supreme Court to uphold the Tuskegee grant, hoping the decision would set a precedent to allow the state to put up cash for private white schools.

The widespread view on such a ruling is that the Tuskegee appropriation would be a cheap price for possible victory in the South's long struggle to keep white pupils and Negroes in separate classrooms.

But if the tribunal decided the Tuskegee outlay is illegal, segregationists then could tell the college that the Supreme Court cut off its funds. The result: a state saving of about \$385,000 a year.

Besides Alabama's pupil placement law, which gives local boards vast powers in assigning pupils to schools, the state has several other laws designed to ward off integration.

They authorize local and state-wide shutdowns, sale of school properties to private corporations, and one-school districts which officials hope could close if necessary and not affect classes elsewhere.



**THIS HANDSOME**, three-bottom, sod buster gang plow, once used to plow up land in the delta region near Sacramento, has been given to the museum at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds by Herman Johns of Dorris. Johns salvaged it from one of the early day ranches in Butte Valley. Museum pieces donated or loaned to the fair will be placed this year in part of the new steel multiple-purpose building in which the fair shop is also located. A permanent museum building is to be built next year.

# Navy Investigation Board Listens To Tape Recording

QUONSET POINT, R.I. (AP) — An unusual tape recording of the explosion and fire which killed two men and injured 23 aboard the aircraft carrier Wasp is among the evidence being studied today by a Navy investigation board.

The sound of the blast and the spontaneous reaction of the men was recorded because a tape-recorder microphone had been opened to pick up the voices of cribbage-playing officers.

The Wasp was on antisubmarine maneuvers 250 miles off the Virginia coast when the mishap occurred Tuesday.

Lt. (j.g.) Jim Frank Hagen of Marianna, Fla., perished when trapped in the helicopter whose engine exploded.

Aviation Apprentice Donald H. Trask of Keene, N.H., whose body was found at the bottom of a plane elevator, apparently was asphyxiated.

None of the injured was considered in a serious condition. Sources at this naval base said

the damage to the Wasp might exceed five million dollars.

Rear Adm. Robert Stroh, commander of Carrier Division 14, said the helicopter engine "ran away and exploded while it was being tested by a qualified pilot."

He said runaway engines are not uncommon in flight and the governors fail to function properly. But he said he never heard of a runaway engine under hangar-deck testing conditions.

Navy men explained that governors are mounted on helicopter engines to regulate their speed but that under some circumstances—more commonly under the stress of flight conditions—they may function badly.

# Chopstick Saves Wife

TORRANCE, Calif. (UPI) — A 20-year-old housewife saved herself from a would-be rapist Wednesday with the use of a souvenir chopstick.

Mrs. Martha Larson of nearby Lawndale told police a six-foot man with a knife jumped in her car at a signal light, forced her to park in a secluded area and tried to rape her.

"The man took my ignition key and then started to attack me. My cheek brushed something hard and I remembered the bamboo chopstick on the seat I was keeping as a souvenir."

"I grabbed the chopstick, said a prayer and drove it with all my might against his side near his heart," said Mrs. Larson. "He gasped and pulled away and I jumped from the car and ran."

The would-be rapist ran in the opposite direction and was sought by police today.

# Retired Admiral Asks Prayer Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — A retired admiral today suggested a nationwide day of prayer to coincide with the arrival of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the United States Sept. 15.

Adm. Ben Moreell, Pittsburgh, an active Episcopalian layman and retired board chairman of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., also urged that cities on Khrushchev's itinerary arrange special church services on the day of his visit.

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