

D. C. Decides On Gradual School Integration

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—The nation's capital which has set itself as a "model" for the rest of the states about to desegregate its schools, has decided not to abolish Jim Crow schools in one sweeping step for this fall. Instead, Washington will take the cautious program of a "gradual" change.

This policy was fought bitterly by the three Negro School Board members who wanted the merger to take place this fall. However, the School Board defeated the move. Then it went into a closed door post-mortem at which was voted unanimously to accept the plan of School Supt. Hobart M. Corning which calls for a gradual desegregation.

The coming plan permits all children, regardless of race, the option to remain in their present schools until they finish elementary, junior high or senior grades. Since Washington suffers from overcrowding in the Negro schools for Negro children outnumber the whites nearly 2 to 1, 2,400 children will be transferred immediately to the white schools to relieve their situation in time for September.

Meanwhile, new boundary lines for the 168 schools of Washington will be announced as soon as they are established. Once this is done, overcrowded schools will be adjusted as soon as possible.

According to Supt. Corning, this arrangement will prevent schools from opening in "confusion" in September. "In my opinion the slight delay involved is essential for the order working out of this complicated program."

"MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE"

Whether sung by children's voices in the schoolroom, or the old folk in the meeting-house, by rich or poor, by Jew or Gentile, white or colored that song is bound to inject more spirit deep into the hearts of the people now than last year at this time, especially the line "Sweet land of Liberty."

We have heard it said so many times about this: "If only these words were true, if only they had any meaning." Well, the words were true and they did have meaning. As a matter of fact, it is the spirit of those words that blue-printed American freedom. Without those words and their stirring connotations, the cause of freedom to this day might have remained unchampioned. Since it is common knowledge that the spoken word has power to become, then we assume the sung song has even a greater power of becoming. And, pursuing this reasoning a little further, the converse is also likely.

And, unless too much time is taken for the new law to become active in one or two Southern states, we are convinced that Communist propaganda machines run out of ammunition with this glorious becoming of the words to our beautiful song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee!"

Zenith Conducts Highly Successful Test of Phonevision in New York Area

Zenith Radio Corporation last Friday completed a highly successful technical test of Phonevision in the New York area. It was announced today by Dr. Alexander Ellett, vice-president in charge of research, who personally directed the operation.

The test was conducted in cooperation with WOR-TV, and covered more than 150 locations throughout the station's coverage area. Its purpose was to make sure that Zenith's Phonevision systems of subscription television, which were developed by 23 years of laboratory research and tested on a box-powered transmitter in the Chicago area, would function efficiently under the rigid conditions that would be required for a commercial operation from a high powered transmitter.

Using a team of 15 engineers from Zenith's Phonevision research laboratories, Dr. Ellett had test receivers spotted throughout an area of 10,000 square miles served by WOR-TV. Included were such diverse locations as South Hampton, L. I.; Trenton, N. J.; Easton and Philadelphia, Pa.; Kingston, N. Y.; Hartford, Conn.; and all other sections of the New York metropolitan area.

"We were particularly pleased," Dr. Ellett said, "to find that throughout this vast area, including many fringe locations, our 'jittered' picture was transmitted dependably and 'decoded' reliably by our test receivers."

Dr. Ellett said that the New York test had been specifically authorized by the Federal Communications Commission. It was a test in which the public was involved, he added, but was strictly for technical purposes. Detailed reports on the operation will be made available to Commission when and if it considers authorization of subscription television.

"In the limited commercial test of Phonevision we conducted," Dr. Ellett commented, "we employed telephone lines and clear up the picture. In this New York test no telephone circuits were employed—both the television picture and the special codes were carried by the WOR transmission. We were pleased to find that the unique coding method used in the New York test worked perfectly in the field, and that we could transmit our test picture into danger areas where there are no telephone lines."

The equipment which Zenith installed at the WOR transmitter was excellently engineered, and could immediately be used, he added. The installation in cooperation of this equipment proved both effective and simple. It has been designed in such a way that the possibility of interference with regular television broadcasts is entirely eliminated. Although the system provides highly complex coding, it was impressed with the overall simplicity of the equipment.

Fort Jackson News Briefs

Four Platoons Get Overseas Duty
FORT JACKSON—Four platoon leaders left Fort Jackson for overseas duty June 6.

The platoons, from Company 1st Airborne, will be stationed in Australia, Europe, Alaska and the Far East.

Ambulance Company Leaves For West Point

FORT JACKSON—The 925rd Field Ambulance Company left Fort Jackson on June 3 for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

The convoy of 20 enlisted men in nine ambulances and two trucks, commanded by Second Lieutenant George A. Nickless of North Billerica, Massachusetts, will arrive at West Point June 6. The advance party of seven men in three ambulances left Fort Jackson May 29.

The platoon will be the only medical ambulance support at the military academy for the summer training program of the cadets. While there the platoon will function as it does at any other army installation, standing by at firing ranges and in bivouac and maneuver areas.

Army regulations require an aidman and an ambulance to be stationed at every point where live ammunition is being fired.

Fort Warns of Trespassing Law

FORT JACKSON—Private officers in the post are warning of military reservation. Post authorities have warned, following an incident, that anyone who enters the post without proper authorization will be liable for trespassing.

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STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams
NEW YORK, (GLOBAL)—The saying "If you're going to ditch it out, you'd better be able to do it" expresses a sort of "jump" somebody, you have to expect the same kind of action in return. It's all in line with the principle of fair play, any night.

DRIVER OF THE WEEK

FORT JACKSON, S. C. (L. I.)—Consideration for the award of the "Driver of the Week" honor have been given to Cpl. M. Belton of Route 1, Big Stone Gap, Va., Fort Jackson's "Driver of the Week" award for May 23 through 28.

Belton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Belton, received a letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. R. P. Ennis, Fort Jackson and 101st Airborne Division Commander, and will have his name placed on safety billboards at two entrances to the post.

R. H. Hunt, Fort Jackson Safety Director, in announcing the award said the 23-year-old driver "showed courtesy and consideration for other automobiles by giving correct signals and waiting until a safe time to cross intersections."

He was observed at 3:50 P.M. at Jackson Boulevard and Imboden Street which is located in the center of many training areas.

The "Driver of the Week" award is part of a continuing campaign at Fort Jackson to reduce traffic accidents among soldier-drivers of private vehicles on post.

Perhaps Mr. Cohn understands

Greekdom Comes To Hartsville

HARTSVILLE—Mrs. Elizabeth Luckie, national representative for Sigma Gamma Chi, was the guest of 8 pledges aspiring at the home of Mrs. Albert Bacote.

The pledges were greatly inspired by Mrs. Luckie, equally as much as they were with what awaits them as Sorors of Sigma Gamma Chi. As Mrs. Luckie unfolded the history, aims and purposes of Sigma Gamma Chi, the pledges were able to see evidence of the prominence of Sigma Gamma Chi. Mrs. Luckie is as brilliant an exponent of Sigma Gamma Chi as the evidence she gave of its accomplishments aims and purposes.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Albert Bacote, President, Miss Ethel Mack, vice president, Mrs. Georgia Young, treasurer, Mrs. Rosa Pearson, reporter and Miss Lydia Elmore, corresponding secretary.

The hostess, Mrs. Albert Bacote, served a delightfully refreshing repast.

now as never before, that there are some questions that can't be answered with a "yes" or a "no". He must know now if never before, that anyone can make a witness look small and seem ridiculous by taking a chance remark, or a slip-of-the tongue and harping on it and blowing it up all out of proportion.

The show is getting good. But we "ain't seen nothing" yet! Wait until the good Senator gets on the stand!

Religious School

FORT JACKSON—A daily vacation school will be held at Fort Jackson this summer for children of personnel stationed at the post of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

The school will begin operation on June 14 and continue through June 25. It will be held every morning, Monday through Friday, from nine o'clock to 11:30.

Children of Fort Jackson personnel aged four to fourteen are eligible to attend the school, which is being conducted by the Post's Chaplain Section. Bus transportation will be provided for children on post and also from outpost No. 1 to classrooms on the post for those who live in town.

The program will cover religious studies, hand and craft work connected with religious activities, films, supervised recreation periods and refreshments.

On the closing day of the school, June 25, a picnic will be held at Twin Lakes from 10 o'clock until 3 in the afternoon.

Backus for the school will be from within and nearby personnel. Three nuns from the St. Hilary School in Columbia, under the direct supervision of Richard F. Smith, will teach at the school.

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