

## Mixed Reaction Grets High Court Implementation Ruling

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Washington—(ANP)—The Supreme Court's ruling, Tuesday, that the procedure for desegregating public schools be left to local federal courts, was met with reactions. Some predicted that such ruling would mean an immediate start toward integration, while others forecast that separate schools would be permitted to continue for an indefinite period under such ruling.

The unanimous opinion of the high tribunal, read by Chief Justice Earl Warren, stated definitely that "the courts will require that the defendants make a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance with our May 17, 1954 ruling. Once such a start has been made, the courts may find that additional time is necessary to carry out the ruling in an effective manner."

But, "the burden rests upon the defendants to establish that such time is necessary in the public interest and is consistent with good faith compliance at the earliest practicable date."

The opinion reemphasized the fact that the court's ruling of May 17, last year stating the "fundamental principle that racial discrimination in public education is unconstitutional" still stands. And that "all provisions of federal, state, or local law, requiring or permitting such discrimination, must yield to this principle."

The only thing which remains for consideration, said the Chief Justice, is the manner in which relief is to be accorded. Because of the proximity to local conditions, the high court felt that the courts which originally heard these cases could best perform this judicial appraisal.

But the local courts must require the defendants to "make a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance with the non-segregation ruling," and that the "vitality of these constitutional principles cannot be allowed to yield simply because of disagreement with them."

Because of this language, the Board of directors and officers of the NAACP issued an expression of gratitude for the court's "clear-cut determination that Negro school children must be given the rights as soon as practicable on a non-discriminatory basis."

Since the ruling limits delay to necessary administrative details or adjustment, and specifically says that the delay cannot be sanctioned simply because of disagreement with the decision, the NAACP officials said they "could see nothing in the language of the opinion which sustains their view of some southern states that delay in compliance may be of indefinite length."

On the other hand, however, supporters of segregation voiced relief at the tone of the order. Many were thankful that the high court did not see a definite deadline date for compliance with the integration order.

Former Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia, who has been in the forefront in the fight to maintain segregated schools, stated that integration would not be feasible in his state for a long, long time.

Gov. Allen Shivers of Texas felt that the decision was "good" because the matters will be handled by local agencies of government.

Cong. William L. Dawson (D. Ill.) declined to make an extensive comment before he had read the decision. He simply stated, however, that the "observance of law is liberty" and, added that we are law abiding people."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) said he expected "much more detailed programming," while Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N. Y.) hailed the decision as very "heartening." "It clearly reflects a determination under the Constitution," he stated, "that segregation in schools shall come to an end as soon as possible."

The Assistant Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, Milton Korman, said that much of the credit for the high court's ruling should go to the U. S. Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff who had previously offered recommendations to the high court that the cases should be remanded to the lower courts with directions to carry out this court's decision as rapidly as the particular circumstances permit. It is assumed that the Justice department's recommendations had the approval of the administration.

Judge Sowell commented simply that he was "naturally pleased that the court had decided along the line he argued for." I think," he added, "that the disposition of people everywhere is to obey the highest court in the land."

Counsel Kreman said the corporation counsel took the position that the District of Columbia case was "most" as integration has already been accomplished and no further action is necessary. But he said, the case has been sent back to the District court where it might also be decided "mott."

Atty. James Nabritt, counsel in the District of Columbia case, said he envisioned extensive litigation in the states, but "we got essentially what we asked for in the District." They asked that the court issue such orders as it finds necessary to insure full integration. The lower court now has that opportunity.

The Supreme court opinion specially stated that "substantial progress has been made in the District of Columbia and in the communities in Kansas and Delaware involved in this litigation."

But the defendants in the cases coming from Virginia and South Carolina awaited the decision of the high court concerning relief. Thurgood Marshall, chief NAACP counsel in the cases, said the Tuesday's ruling "gives the states the initiative to move forward. He feared, however, that the Association might have to push forward the cases still pending in Virginia and South Carolina."

The court ruling made an exception in the Delaware case where both the district and state supreme court had ruled for integration in certain schools because of physical inequality of the Negro schools. The judgement of the Supreme court affirmed the rulings of the state courts in the Delaware case ordering the "immediate admission of the plaintiffs to schools previously attended only by white children."

## SRG ENDORSES COURT DECISION ON IMPLEMENTATION

ATLANTA—(ANP)—The Southern Regional Council last week endorsed the Supreme court's ruling on how segregation in public schools should be brought about.

In a statement issued by Marion A. Wright, president of the council, the organization saw the decision as "wise, moderate and workable." Calling it an opportunity for the South, the statement said in part: "Compliance with this ruling is not, however, merely a moral obligation. If we choose to make it so, it can be a great opportunity to enrich and benefit southern life."

"By working together, white and Negro, for orderly transition to integrated schools, we can demonstrate the vigor of the democratic process to our own countrymen and doubting millions throughout the world."

"We can realize, at home, resources of skill and public service in the Negro segment of our population that have had little chance for expression in the past. By abandoning the cumbersome and expensive practices imposed by legal segregation, we can release a large amount of money and energy for the progress of the whole region..."

## A Well Known Minister Passes



THE REV. DR. Z. E. DENNIS,

Columbia, S. C. He founded the Ridgewood Baptist Church in the month of March in 1925 Columbia, S. C. in the Ridgewood community and he served this church as the most loving and competent efficient pastor throughout the history of 30 years, and he also founded the Dennis chapel baptist church, Stark Hts., Columbia, S. C. which he resigned about two years ago. Due to his pastoral work had become quite heavy, God didn't take our pastor from us, he only took his own. His life was like a beautiful rose when the petals fell it was just a step from this life to live with the eternal God in Heaven.

Funeral procession, singing Nearer My God To Thee, Scripture Rev. F. N. Bailey, D. D., Rev. W. S. Bookser, Servant of God, Well known pastor, as I know him, Rev. J. W. Bailey, remarks, Assistant pastor Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, (remarks Rev. P. S. Stevenson on his life as a pastor and a brother and a friend. Acknowledgement of condolences and telegrams and reading the obituary Rev. P. M. Young, E. U. Logg, Rev. Dr. L. C. Jenkins. The musical choir of the St. John Baptist Church rendered music. He was laid to rest in the Lincoln cemetery under a mound of beautiful floral.

## W. W. Wachtel Elected To Legal Defense Board



NEW YORK, June 1.—W. W. Wachtel of New York, president of Calvert Distillers Co., has been elected to the Board of Directors of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Thurgood Marshall, director-counsel, announced today.

Election of Mr. Wachtel brings Legal Defense Board to a total of 33 members, consisting of business, labor, civic, educational and professional leaders, Mr. Marshall said. The resolution, which had the concurrence of the senate, stated that the "United States should administer its foreign policies and programs, and exercise its influence through its membership in the United Nations and in other series of which he is the originator."

## Carrie Lee Patterson Wins First Prize In "Carnation's Second Annual Healthy Baby Contest"



Marilyn Patrice Palm Wins Second Prize and Dianne Holloway Wins Third Prize. Other Pictures and Winners on Page 5.

In the photo above from left to right: Mrs. Milton Patterson, mother of Carrie Lee Patterson; Miss Margaret Bradley, Nurse of the Good Samaritan-Waverley Hospital, holding Carrie Lee Patterson, first prize winner and Mr. Richard C. Strachan, Representative of the Carnation Company in this area, presenting the first prize of \$300.00 to Mrs. Patterson.

Little Carrie Lee Patterson is the "Toast of Columbia" today. This healthy, happy tot, age 1 year, 5 months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Patterson of 1112 1-2 Harden St. was chosen by the judges last evening as the First Prize winner in the Second Annual Hometown Carnation "Healthy Baby Contest."

Some twenty youngsters from among more than 100 entrants in this year's contest appeared last evening with their parents and friends at Allen University Auditorium where they displayed their charms in exchange for honors bestowed on the twenty finalists.

As "Queen of the occasion, First Prize Winner Carrie Lee Patterson was awarded \$300.00 in cash. When interviewed after the presentation of this honor, your reporter was rewarded by a beaming smile and happy assurances of the proud parents, that the money would be used for Carrie Lee's education.

Winner of the Second Prize of \$100.00 was Marilyn Patrice Palm 2 years 9 months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin D. Palm, 1302 Heidt Street, Dianna Holloway age 2 years 1 month whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Holloway 1111 Pine St. took Third Prize honors of \$50.00.

In addition to these prize winners, ten judges selected seventeen other finalists, each of whom were awarded \$5.00 in cash. The names and addresses of these seventeen finest can be found on page five.

This year's panel of judges was headed by Dr. C. E. Morgan, Pediatric (child specialist); Mrs. J. E. Dickson, civic and club worker. Organizer of the Girl Scouts in Col'a.; Rev. J. A. Holmes, Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Columbia, the Mother Church of the African Episcopal Church of the Columbia Conference; Mrs. Mildred Newton, Program Director of the Taylor Street U.S.O.; and Dr. W. D. Chappelle, Pediatric. Much of the success of this Second Annual Hometown Carnation "Healthy Baby Contest" can be attributed to the tireless efforts of these judges who devoted many hours to screening "snapshots" and

## Roy Wilkins, NAACP Ex. Sec'y. To Address Mass Meeting In Columbia

Roy Wilkins, national executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will address the second annual statewide Freedom Fund mass meeting to be held in the Allen University auditorium, Columbia, at 3:30, it has been announced by James M. Hinton of the S. C. Conference of NAACP which is sponsoring the meeting. Wilkins, named unanimously by the NAACP national board of directors on April 11 to succeed the internationally renowned Walter White who died on March 21 joined the staff as assistant executive secretary in 1931, and served as administrator of the organization from 1950 until election to his present post.

Wilkins' broad knowledge of race relations, gained in large measure as he served for eight years as managing editor of the Kansas City (Mo.) Call, was recognized by the U. S. Government when in 1941 he was among 20 Negro Newspapermen invited to Washington to consult on the training and use of Negro soldiers. He was also one of the NAACP consultants to the American delegation at the formation of the United Nations in San Francisco in May, 1945.

He has made a number of investigations for the NAACP, including a probe in 1932 (as a laborer) of working conditions in construction camps along the Mississippi levees, a survey of the treatment of Negro flood refugees in the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys in 1937, and tours of a number of Army Camps in the Far West and Southwest in 1942. He also served as acting secretary for two periods during



World War II while Walter White was in the European and Pacific theatres of war as a correspondent and consultant on Negro troop morale.

Wilkins has written a number of pamphlets and magazine articles, and is author of one of the chapters in the book, "What The Negro Wants," published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Wilkins was born in St. Louis Mo., but was reared and educated in St. Paul, Minn. where he finished the public schools and was graduated from the University of Minnesota. He lives in New York where NAACP has its national headquarters at 20 West 40th St., New York 18, N. Y.

The First Freedom Fund rally sponsored by the S. C. NAACP Conference represented the late Walter White as speaker in June 1954.

## BAPTIST WOMEN PLAN ENDOWMENT RALLY

The Sixty-seventh Annual Session of The Woman's Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of South Carolina will be held with the Trinity Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina, June 22-24, 1955.

Rev. J. J. Abney is Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church; Dr. M. K. Howard, President of the Convention; Mrs. C. H. Watkins, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Alice Butler, Chairman of the Morris College Endowment Committee Drive.

The theme of the Convention is: "Building A Spirit of Fellowship Throughout the Missionary Societies." It is the sincere hope that the spirit of the theme of the Convention will inspire the Missionary Auxiliaries throughout the State to build for a truer spirit of fellowship.

The slogan for the Baptist Women's Convention is "MORRIS COLLEGE MUST BE ENDOWED."

On Thursday afternoon, June 23, 1955, The Baptist Women of the State will make their beginning toward the Slogan, they so proudly adopted and are working to carry out. Every County will be responding. The Counties will make their dedication to the memory of the great men and women that pioneered for Baptist Missions and Education of South Carolina. The counties will report in groups of three, four and five.

The names of the counties and the name of the person in whose memory each county will dedicate its endowment offering:

1. Greenville, Mrs. Fannie Davis
2. Newberry, Mrs. Fannie Davis
3. Spartanburg, Mrs. Fannie Davis
4. Florence, Mrs. Fannie Davis
5. York, Mrs. Cora S. Boykin
6. Kershaw, Mrs. Cora S. Boykin
7. York, Mrs. Cora S. Boykin
8. Chesterfield, Mrs. M. J. Ryan
9. Cherokee, Mrs. M. J. Ryan
10. McCormick, Mrs. M. J. Ryan
11. Marion, Dr. J. J. Starks
12. Laurens, Dr. J. J. Starks
13. Oconee, Dr. J. J. Starks
14. Pickens, Dr. J. J. Starks
15. Darlington, Dr. H. H. Butler
16. Marlboro, Dr. H. H. Butler
17. Beaufort, Dr. I. P. Brockington
18. Chester, Dr. I. P. Brockington
19. Lancaster, Dr. I. P. Brockington
20. Dorchester, Dr. G. W. Raiford
21. Hampton, Dr. G. W. Raiford
22. Jasper, Dr. G. W. Raiford
23. Abbeville, Dr. J. J. Durham
24. Calhoun, Dr. J. J. Durham
25. Colleton, Dr. J. J. Durham
26. Florence, Dr. H. H. Butler
27. Bamberg, Dr. H. H. Butler
28. Barnwell, Dr. H. H. Butler
29. Darlington, Dr. H. H. Butler
30. Marlboro, Dr. H. H. Butler
31. Anderson, Dr. J. J. Starks
32. Laurens, Dr. J. J. Starks
33. Oconee, Dr. J. J. Starks
34. Pickens, Dr. J. J. Starks
35. Marion, Dr. E. M. Brawley
36. Dillon, Dr. E. M. Brawley
37. Edgefield, Dr. E. M. Brawley
38. Gettysburg, Dr. E. M. Brawley
39. Horry, Dr. I. D. Pinson

11. Richland, Mrs. Rachel Robinson
12. Allendale, Mrs. Rachel Robinson
13. Lexington, Mrs. Rachel Wash-

ington Mrs. Rachel Robinson was a president of the Woman's State Convention 1899-1906 and was a pioneer in the cause of Christian Education.

Mrs. Connie Jones served as President of the Woman's State Convention from 1925-1933.

Dr. I. P. Brockington organized the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of S. C. in 1877. He led in the organization of the Woman's State Convention in 1888, and helped to found Morris College in 1908.

Dr. G. W. Raiford was president of the Baptist State Convention and one of the founders of Morris College.

Dr. J. J. Durham was president of the State M. & E. Convention from 1910-21. He also was a founder of Morris College.

Dr. H. H. Butler, a great preacher, educator and Baptist leader, a stalwart supporter of Morris College since its founding. He was President of the Baptist Convention 1933 and Pres. of Morris College 1946-48.

Dr. E. M. Brawley served as first President of Morris College, 1908-1912. He was a great scholar and pioneer.

Dr. I. D. Pinson served from 1896-1899 as president of the Woman's Convention.