

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

"In Keeping With The Law"

"I think the board ought to have acted in keeping with the law..."

In many respects, the statement of Mr. Carnage in pleading that young Holt be admitted to the school of his choice, was by far the most sensible and logical argument presented during the entire hearing on the application of the Negro to enter the Broughton School.

Listening to the board members as they gave their reasons why Holt's application should be denied, you would have concluded, if their reasoning were to be accepted, that there were no moral or legal rights involved or to be considered. After wading through the vague and wholly irrelevant mass of words used by the opposition speakers, the fact remains that although each of those speakers, considers himself a law-abiding citizen, they said nothing that a court could or would substantiate and uphold.

Despite the fact that the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that race could not be used as a factor in denying the application of any child to attend the school of his choice, the Raleigh School Board went on record last week as denying Holt's admission to the Broughton School solely on the ground that he is a Negro. The feeble attempts by the dissenting board members to validate their arguments by saying that denying the boy's admission was "for the best interests of the school" and the appeal for more time all led back to this one inescapable fact: Joseph Holt, Jr. is a Negro and because he is a Negro the majority of the Raleigh School Board is willing to ignore the law and keep him out of a school he has every right to attend.

Mr. Carnage replied to the thread-bare demand for more time to relieve the stress of such a move by reminding the board that "the strain will be there five years from now." "My opinion," said Mr. Carnage, "is the sooner we go ahead and admit a colored boy the sooner we will relieve the strain people are under." The attorney made the proper answer for those board members who claimed their stand was for the best interest of all concerned.

Said Mr. Carnage, "Primarily my interest is in the Raleigh schools. If I thought for one instant this boy would upset the equilibrium

of the schools I wouldn't vote for him to go." Continuing his argument of reason, Mr. Carnage said, "The sooner a few Negro children enter these schools and the public finds they are just like other children, the sooner the whole thing will be settled."

We are not attempting to try the Holt case here. Joseph Holt, Jr. may never enter the Broughton School. We are confident, however, that Negroes will attend that school and the other presently all-white schools in that area. We regret the delay in the Holt case because, everything considered, there is no valid reason for denying his application. In this case as in so many others, reason, logic, law and even time are all on our side, a temporary delay will not minimize these facts.

It is apparent that although he decision of the board not to admit Holt to the Broughton school was a set back, the victory of those evaders was a hollow one. A victory without the dignity of either a legal or a moral right. And Negroes every where should rejoice that one of their race had the courage and intelligence to hold up the majesty of the law before those who were ignoring it and remind them that it was their duty to make their decision "in keeping with the law."

Each member of the Raleigh school Board who voted against Holt's application is a successful voter. Their success has been based on their devotion to law and order and it is very unlikely that either of them has ever knowingly violated or ignored the law. Their outstanding achievements, their valuable contributions to society and their well-ordered lives all bear witness to their dedication to law and because they know that it is only through obedience to law will the things they believe in prosper and continue.

To assume that the plea of Mr. Carnage that the law be fulfilled left deaf ears simply because of the board's negative decision last week, would be to underestimate the power of his plea and the faith his hearers have in its truth. That plea that the law be fulfilled, cannot and will not go unheeded. Mr. Carnage's words will continue to haunt the consciousness of those board members until they become an unbearable burden to them. If his argument could have been refuted it would have been refuted that day. If the wisdom and logic of his plea had contained even a small element of falsity or illegal foundation, that element, however small, would have been quickly pointed out and discarded.

"And From What They Did To The Civil Rights Bill... Well...?"



SENTENCE SERMONS

BEFORE AND AFTER

1. On highways and in magazines and newspapers today, we find every imaginable invention on display purporting to take dudiness out of work, and claiming to make old things new that once were thought to be beyond review.

himself with his characteristic enjoyments that are natural to him throughout his long night. 6. We do not miss the things we have never had... we can envision them and make ourselves sad, but why do this, when from the plain on which we now stand, we can gloriously behold our risen Savior and behold His heavenly land.

IT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK

GOV. HARRIMAN BREAKS A PRECEDENT. It is believed the distinguished Governor Harriman of New York has broken all records for appointing top tax competitors to his cabinet and governmental posts in New York without any discrimination toward the races or the sexes.

Activities in the form of a dance and symposium. The former at the Manhattan Center (by invitation) and the latter on Sunday September 8, at Carnegie Endowment Center. A third event a general conference is for members only of GSA.

West Coast visitors Lulo Cooksey, Gertha Posey and song stylist Granville Sykes of Jay Hawks were all guests of actress Lou LaFour at her Hotel Theresa Suite along with her sisters Pearl Schwartz and Sarah of St. Louis. Mr. Sykes a rising young singer has just recorded "Strayed in the Jungle" among other songs on Ad-dain label out Los Angeles way.

Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM. A terrific wave of violence and vandalism is sweeping over this nation. In spite of our fabulous outlays for schools and education we are heading into a situation that must be relieved if this nation is to endure. With the slightest provocation the mob springs into action and the resources of our police protection are sorely taxed on far too many occasions. The ugly situation that prevailed in Chicago is repeated, entirely too often for things to be well with the country.

IN THIS OUR DAY

Our Emerging Problem Of The Aged. The older population is continuously increasing in the United States. In 1900 only four per cent of our population was over the age of sixty-five. Today eight per cent are over sixty-five. And, it is estimated that by 1956 over ten per cent of our population will be over sixty-five.

Do's And Don'ts



"Do Obey Such Signs and Avoid Offense to Others."

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