

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

All For Nothing

It seems that Governor Hodges and his friends have said, apparently with a straight face that the purpose of the proposed constitutional changes on which the people will vote in September is not to evade the U. S. Supreme Court's decisions outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

Hodges and his friends have declared that their purpose is to save the schools, though among the main provisions in the proposed constitutional changes is one providing for the closing of the schools.

On the other hand there are those who realize the threat to the continued existence of North Carolina's public schools and are alarmed by it. At the same time they do not want to consider desegregation, or if they do they are afraid to say so.

The Hodges-Pearsall plan was brought forward evidently out of distrust of the school assignment law, and rightly so. The assignment law was drafted with the idea of evading the spirit of the Supreme Court decision, if not the letter, and a second look probably con-

vinced the powers-that-be that it might down the road meet the same fate that the "grandfather clause" met years ago.

Meanwhile Dr. Maggs, the Duke University constitutional lawyer, made it pretty clear to all who would listen that the paying of public funds to operate private schools open to some citizens but not others would almost certainly prove to be unconstitutional.

The state finds itself moving toward greater dilemmas. There will in the end be a choice between desegregation and no schools supported by the State of North Carolina.

The people of North Carolina might have gone on and accepted the Court's dictum of desegregation, trying to work it out on a gradual basis, or according to some scheme to provide the least friction and dislocation.

The example of Virginia had its influence also, added to the stir that Mr. Lake created. North Carolina has always been humble in the face of aristocratic (and reactionary) Virginia.

Of course the best thing that could happen, though with the people bemused it is likely not to, would be for the people to reject at the polls the Hodges-Pearsall concoction and refuse to alter the public school system.

What's Behind This?

The bill introduced by Rep. J. A. Speight, of Bertie, in the special session of the General Assembly proposing to abolish the state's Negro colleges had some logic behind it.

Assemblyman Speight's point is that since the University of North Carolina and State College in Raleigh have both accepted Negro students, there is no reason for the maintenance of the "corresponding" colleges designated for Negroes.

Of course there is little likelihood that any of the Negro institutions will be closed. The last thing the white people of North Carolina want is the abandonment of Negro colleges operated by the state.

Changing Complexion

Things have certainly changed. Who could have visualized thirty years ago that poor and impotent Egypt would in 1956 defy Britain and France and grab the Suez Canal for its own?

As a matter of fact thirty years ago there wasn't any Egypt, that is, as a sovereign and independent self-determining nation.

We think that Egypt is all wrong in this instance. Egypt did not build the canal. The right and just thing is that the canal should be international. It is no more just and proper that it should be owned and controlled exclu-

Political Football

It could be foreseen far ahead that the Civil Rights bill mildly sponsored by the Republican Administration would not become law.

Attorney General Brownell and the Republican high command are doubtless hoping and expecting that the introduction of the bill and its passage by the House of Representatives will prove to be sufficient demonstration of Republican good faith to serve vote-getting purposes among the Negroes of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and other such states.

But the truth is that Brownell and the Republican leadership got the bill to Congress almost too late to expect its passage, allowing for the inevitable opposition to it in the Senate, with the possibility always of a filibuster if "necessary."

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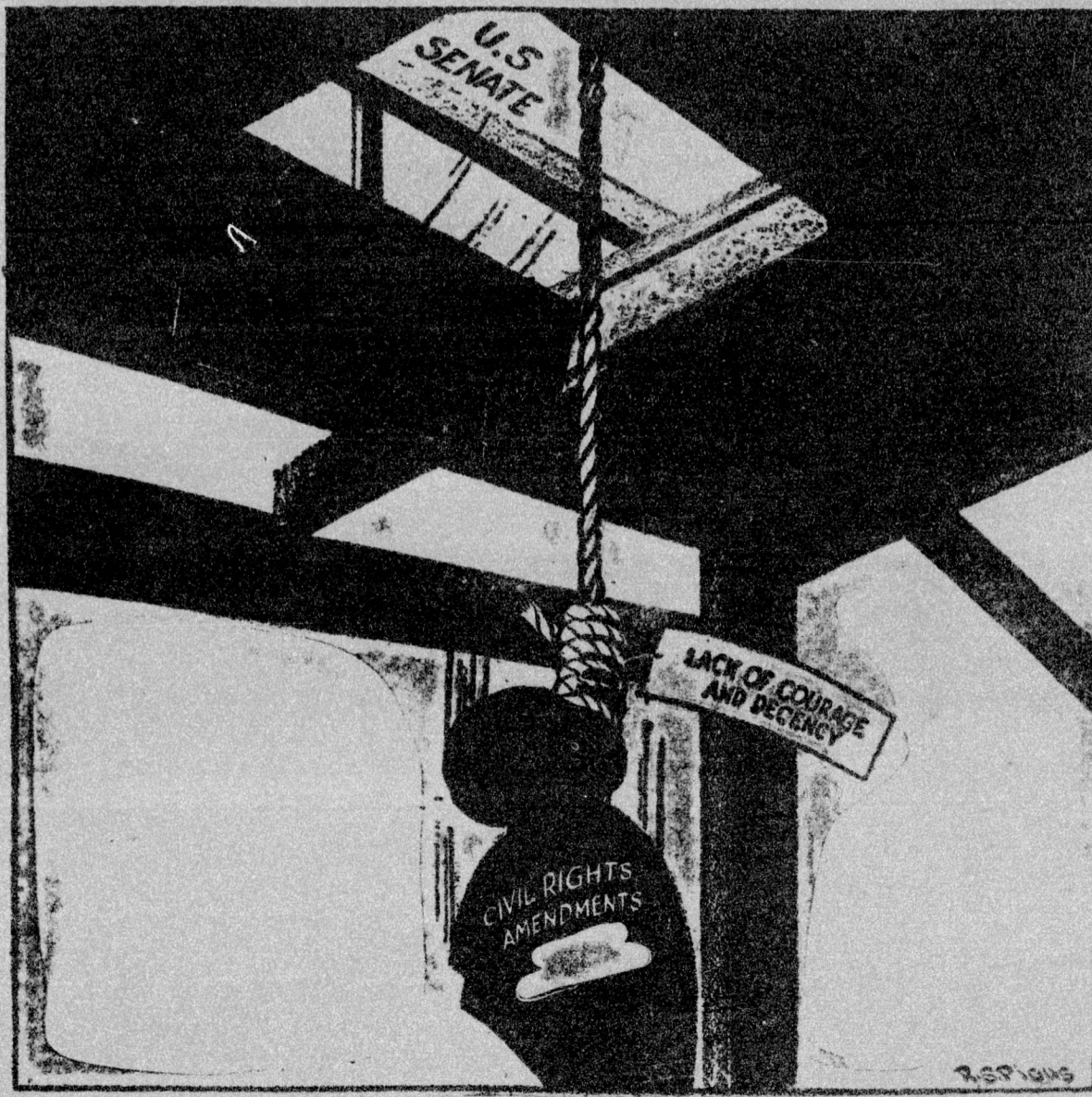
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"Buried Again, By The Threat Of A Southern Filibuster"



C. D. Halliburton's

SECOND THOUGHTS

The election year 1956 may not prove to be a particularly trying year for the average voter committed to one party or another by loyalty to a party or an individual figure.

The Negro who likes the Democratic philosophy of government and the general policies of the national Democratic Party is likely to be frustrated by the thought that a Democratic victory is likely to continue the control of Congress in the hands of southerners.

Speaking for my own self, I can say that as of now I do not know for whom I shall cast my vote for president.

Of course the Democrats have not nominated their candidate, but as I see it, the decision of the Convention will have little weight, since there is little to choose as among the candidates

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Except where the "race issue" is involved I am much more in harmony with Hill and Sparkman than with Eisenhower and his Republican supporters. I do not believe in the policies of the Republicans as regards public power and resources or excessive catering to big business interests.

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CAPITAL CLOSE-UP

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

and competent actor." EVERETT LEE SCORES AGAIN

Particular point of our interest, this time, was youthful conductor Everett Lee, the shows musical director, trained in violin at the Cleveland School of Music and the Juilliard School, New York.

Since then he has conducted Leonard Bernstein's "On the Town" and other musicals, and has made an enviable reputation as a symphony conductor, making his Town Hall debut as conductor of his own Cosmopolitan Symphony in 1947.

TO EUROPE AND ISRAEL In October, the talented Lee family — which includes stage-minded "Evie," age 10, a ballet pupil and miniature Tallulah Bankhead, and her brother, Everett, a year older — will be off for a European year, making their home in Munich.

William DuPree, Howard Music School-trained and now in the Air Force, who sang "Joe" the "Joe" of "Carmen," was rated "at all times a fine singer

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Gordon Hancock's BETWEEN THE LINES

TRANSPLETED TROUBLE

Some weeks ago the writer became interested in the question of the wealth of the antebellum South—the Old South if you please. The study took me to the Virginia State Library where there are various treatises on the economic status of the Old South in its halcyon days of slavery.

One volume was especially glowing in its treatment of the South of slavery days. The author painted a beautiful picture of the prosperity of the South during slavery.

He was especially glowing in his description of the contentedness of the slaves. He threw about brutal slavery an air of charm and satisfaction. He pictured slavery as a happy lot for all concerned and especially for the slaves.

The thing that struck me with greatest force was the fact the author was a professor in a great Northern university. Here was, as I thought, a Northerner attempting to justify the slavery of the Old South and then it occurred to me to seek out through "Who's Who" the antecedents of the author, and there was revealed the illuminating fact that the author was born in Georgia.

In reality it was not the opinion of a Northerner at all; it was the South's opinion of itself. And this led to the conclusion that whenever the Old South seeks the approbation of the North for the justification of its undemocratic treatment of its Negro citizens, it can always come up with a statement of a "Northerner" to justify its ways with the Negro.

Today there is a studied and determined effort of the Old South to get the approbation of the North for its state rights stand and for its current efforts to nullify the Supreme Court's decision. Such approbation is assured in advance: for southerners are in the North and quite ready to support the contention of their motherland, the Old South.

The Negro, therefore, need not be too greatly exercised when there comes from the North an agreement with the South's determination to eternalize the subjugation of the Negro. Such sentiments as will be expressed will be only the sentiments of the Southerners speaking from the North.

Just as hundreds of thousands of Negroes have gone North within the last few years, more hundreds of thousands of Southerners of the Old South have been scattered over the face of the earth, the North included. And whenever we find a Southerner of the Old South we find a defender of the "South's position" on race relations.

Just as the South had in the author herebefore mentioned a strong defender, such defenders are scattered throughout the world and when therefore anti-Negro sentiments are set forth, Negroes need not be too greatly discouraged; for it is usually the Southerners of the Old South. And let it not be forgotten that there is a New South that thinks otherwise.

Even as this is written the Virginia Legislature is being called into session to openly defy the mandates of the United States. Yet there are Virginians openly defying Virginia's position and asking for integration in spite of all that is being done to oppose it.

The Old South and the New South are battling, with short time odds stubbornly in favor of the Old South; but long time odds, surely with the New South.

God and Time and Right are with the New South, whose voice for the time being is muffled sadly.

Just as the Old South has defenders transplanted in the North to echo its sentiments, the Old South has defenders who incite riots and interracial trouble. There is no sweeter morsel for the press of the Old South than to headline interracial trouble of the North.

The effort is always made to show that the Old South is not by itself in its attitude toward the Negro.

But when the situation is reduced to its last analysis, it will be found that the interracial troubles that break out in the North were conceived in the South and hatched in the North.

When some of our contemporary research students go into the matter it will be found that the bad race relations trouble was transplanted from the South to the North by Negroes and whites of the Old South who are settling Southern issues with the North as the battleground.

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But what they forget is that by completely reversing their attitude to colored races because of their own insecurity, those white races have lost the respect they formerly had for what appeared to be the strength behind their claim to be a master race.

One can imagine what is being said now in the bazaars of the Middle and Far East. One could visualize what the old pulp serials of generals, admirals and air marshals were thinking when they were led like lambs to make obeisance to the Arab boy whom they would have sent their subalterns to receive had he not represented a state which possessed huge supplies of oil.

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Along The Colonial Front

By A. J. SIGGINS, BRITISH JOURNALIST

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