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Busing and Mr. Levi

Attorney General Edward Levi needs to act quickly to reduce the tension and uncertainty caused by the weekend news from the Justice Department. It was reported that Mr. Levi was considering casting the weight of his department behind an appeal before the Supreme Court to curb Boston's school desegregation plan, which includes court-ordered busing, as specified by a federal judge. Needless to say, the climate for desegregation around the country would be affected by any such top-level move - said to be opposed by the chief of the department's own civil-rights division, J. Stanley Pottinger.

The Justice Department denied that a decision to go ahead had already been made. Conceivably the idea could be dropped, as Mr. Levi dropped from FBI guidelines a draft proposal for permitting certain preventive measures, after there was public pressure against it.

But the controversy aroused by Mr. Levi's even considering the Supreme Court move suggests the importance of his promptly deciding one way or another. If he does decide to go ahead, then it can only be hoped that the Supreme Court will give a special priority to expediting the case. As things stand, if the high court agrees to hear pending anti-busing appeals, no decision would be likely before next spring. And Boston's grave situation cannot be improved through further delay and obfuscation.

These appeals come from Boston officials as well as a private parent association. It is the latter's position that is said to resemble the one Mr. Levi is considering - to urge the taking of additional evidence to see if Boston's plan goes further than it should to remedy past acts of official discrimination. In keeping with previous stands, he reportedly would not ask the court to give up the busing remedy when considered necessary for this purpose. Through failure to observe desegregation law in the past, Boston had reached this "last remedy" stage requiring busing, according to Judge Arthur Garrity, who himself said he would have preferred to find another way.

Now the uncertainty left about the Attorney General's decision strengthens the resolve of those who resist this "last remedy" in Boston, not to mention other places where judges feel that it has to be applied. There is the possible implication that these judges are not simply carrying out the law but that they have what President Ford has called "the extreme view of some judges" when he has expressed his doubts about busing.

Many have felt that Mr. Ford should have been emphasizing the importance of upholding the law to a greater degree in proportion to expressing these doubts. Now both those who welcome and those who deplore the news from the Justice Department are wondering if it is politically motivated to strengthen the administration's anti-busing stand - and perhaps may even be timed on the brink of Mr. Ford's crucial primary test in Michigan on Tuesday.

White House and Justice Department spokesmen deny political motivation. Indeed, such motivation would be an unfortunate and unexpected lapse from Mr. Levi's record of setting out to restore the credentials of a department that had been politicized during the Watergate years. But, whatever the motive, the result of the present uncertainty is to cloud a Boston situation that has already been tragically marred by racial violence and that demands calm, clear, and heartfelt cooperation in support of the law.

Christian Science Monitor

Browsing in the files of The News-Journal

25 years ago

Thursday, May 17, 1951
 J.L. McNeill, president of McLaughlin Co., Inc. announced this week that the company had sold its grocery store to the Cole Feed and Seed Company of Elizabethtown, and that the new owners would operate it as soon as inventory and transfer were complete.

Clyde Upchurch lost a barn by fire Wednesday afternoon of last week and there was considerable conjecture as to how it might have started but little thought that it might have started by human hands. However, when he lost another right beside the first on Friday afternoon it became apparent that something fishy was going on.

From Poole's Medley:

Socialism has been tried at different ages of the world, and has not been satisfactory. The best government so far has proven that which does nothing more than protect its citizens from outside interference, and to see that justice is done. More harm has been done from the inside than from the

outside so far in the affairs of our country.

The town failed in its attempt to sink another well at the ball park to add to its water supply.

15 years ago

Thursday, May 19, 1961
 "My only wish is for everybody to enjoy themselves." So spoke Golden Jubilee Queen Rosemary Cameron on Monday night after being crowned by Governor Terry Sanford.

More than 2,000 people raised their voices in holy song Sunday night at the interdenominational church service that opened the week long Golden Jubilee observance.

From Jubilee Highlights:

Speaking at an interdenominational service Sunday night Dr. Mark Depp, Methodist pastor of Winston-Salem, drew the biggest laugh of the Jubilee when he said: "If only we could combine Methodist fire with Baptist water, we'd generate enough steam to drive out the Presbyterians."

'Renegade Ronnie strikes again'



by Marty Vega

Real Will Turns Up

The real, true will of Howard Hughes has turned up, well not actually the will, but a true certified copy was found tucked inside of a raincoat in the closet of the Summer Umbrella Corp. offices in Los Angeles.

The will, which was updated, but that doesn't matter, states that one quarter of Hughes' personal estate plus Summer Umbrella Corp., holding company for all of the companies under the Hughes umbrella, shall go to a young, blonde reporter working in Raeford for the newspaper who kindly stopped and gave directions to an old, thin, bearded man walking down W. Elwood Ave. who was looking for the "Social Security Office".

So, all of these other purported wills are hoaxes, although the one giving a share to the man in Utah who gave a lift in the desert to Hughes initially sounded authentic.

Of course, we don't foresee actually getting our rightful share in the immediate future, as it looks as though a long legal battle will ensue. And, since the helpful reporter is not identified by name, this may create an obstacle. Then again, maybe not.

Also, there are certain provisions and stipulations before the one quarter of the estate, however many billions of dollars it is, is released.

The young reporter will be required to inform the public through a medium that, number

one, there is no Social Security office in Raeford, it is in Fayetteville. Number two, what the strangers really mean when they say they are looking for "Social Security" office is the SOCIAL SERVICES office, or else, they mean the JOBS SERVICE office, which is the name of the Employment Security Commission office, and they have put the two together to come up with "Social Security office", causing all this confusion and probably getting directions to the Social Services office when they really wanted the Jobs Service office, or getting directions to the Jobs Service office when they wanted Social Services.

So, in order to comply with the instructions of the will, we will so inform the public to end this confusion and straighten the facts out on W. Elwood Ave. If we can find a medium, of course.

Letter To The Editor

TO THE PEOPLE OF HOKE COUNTY

Everyone is acutely aware of the need for more MD's in Hoke County since Dr. Harry McLean left private practice. A concerted effort has been made to have many contacts with medical students and family practice residents in order to recruit men to the area either as partners or in a practice of their own. It has become increasingly apparent that in order to attract new men to the county there is a need for two medical facilities.

The county could support 4 to 5 men doing quality Family Medicine, and give the people of our county the type of medical care they deserve.

The idea was formulated to seek Government Grants to build an office building for MD's. Such a building would rent at an equitable rate, not to put private capital at a disadvantage.

Another corporation was formed to seek National Health Service Physicians for the county in an effort to entice them to become permanent residents when their commitment was completed. If they elected not to stay it would give additional MD's in the county until more Family Practice Residents are graduated to help fill the void.

With these plans under way and hard working unselfish individuals serving on the boards these things can be accomplished.

I am more enthusiastic than I have ever been about the future of health care in Hoke County. However these things are just getting started and will need the whole hearted cooperation and help from all individuals in the county to become a reality.

R.G. Townsend, Jr. M.D. P.A.

Yours faithfully,
 J.A.

CLIFF BLUE ... People & Issues



ACCT MEETING ... Last week I attended a meeting of the Southern Region of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) in New Orleans. One of the most interesting subjects discussed was: "The Changing Role of the Trustee in Legal Liability-Due Process-Affirmative Action." John Carlson, Acting General Counsel for the Florida Department of Education gave a thorough discussion of the topic, citing state and federal court decisions on the subject. Several trustees were heard to say that they deemed the discussion on this topic alone of great value to the trustees.

J. Edwin Causey, a trustee of Sandhills Community College in Moore County was chairman of the Spring Seminar. One of the panels: "The Challenge to Institutional Governance-Management: Evaluation of Self, of Administration, of Faculty; Faculty Requests for a 'Piece of the Action'; The Student as the Consumer and Taxpayer was composed of three Tar Heels, Mrs. Evelyn Haire, trustee of Craven Community College and Secretary-Treasurer of the N.C. Community College Trustees; Robert (Bob) Muir, Craven Community College faculty member; and Diane Buchholz, Sandhills Community College Student and immediate past president of the SCC Student Government Association. Chairperson for this panel was John R. Lane, ACCT State Chairperson for Louisiana.

Since its beginning a few years ago Tar Heel Community College and Technical Institute Trustees have played a significant part in the organization. North Carolina is one of the leaders in community colleges and technical institutes in the United States. California and Florida are other states which have led in the establishment of community colleges and technical institutes.

North Carolina's Attorney General Rufus Edmisten was the banquet speaker for the Spring Seminar. His homespun-type speech was well received by the trustees from the several southern states.

SUPERDOME ... Having visited New Orleans two and a half years ago while the construction of it's \$163,313,315.00 Superdome project was being built I went to visit it again. To begin with the Superdome originally was to cost something over \$30 million but wound

up costing \$163 million plus, which is like so many projects - especially government projects. The Superdome is a monument to man's daring imagination, ingenuity, and intelligence -- awesome in size and inspiring in beauty. It is a flexible multi-purpose center, designed to accommodate sporting events, entertainment and cultural activities, as well as convention and trade shows, all in indoor comfort. The Superdome is equipped with plush-theatre-style seats, dramatic theatrical lighting, and a sound system that can give true fidelity to everything from opera to football announcements. For football it has a capacity for 81,187 people; baseball 67,650 and as an auditorium for 95,427 people. Since opening it has been filled to capacity twice. Work on the Superdome was started August 1, 1971 and was opened for use in 1975.

DEFICIT ... But, as big and as grand as the Superdome is, it has its financial problems. For the current fiscal year, according to the New Orleans newspaper, it will have a \$4.6 million deficit and the Louisiana legislature, now in session, is being asked to come up with the money to balance the year's operation budget. From Superdome talk which we heard it sounded like a balanced budget operation is a long way down the road for the historic old city, and the State of Louisiana.

DAVID JONES ... We suspect that not many Tar Heel citizens who are disturbed about the ever-increasing crime wave across North Carolina and the nation will take issue with Correction Secretary David Jones who announced a tightening of controls last week over the State Inmate Grievance Committee in the wake of what he called "a circus-like" hearing over the prison assignment of civil rights activist Ben Chavis. Jones said that regardless of what the State Inmate Grievance Commission recommends the Department of Correction will decide where Chavis is to be held.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR ... With it appearing that the next lieutenant governor being stripped of most of his authority, but leaving him with a \$30,000 salary, an office, assistants, etc., it would look like a man (or woman) all dressed up and nowhere to go!

Report To The People

by Senator Robert Morgan



In a speech on May 7, Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated that he was "truly sorry" for actions of the FBI which had, in the past, infringed upon the rights and liberties of American citizens.

The speech was a remarkable display of courage and candor. It is not an easy thing to make a public apology for an agency that is so vital to this country especially when in the majority of cases its work has been carried out efficiently and with care to safeguard the rights and privileges of individuals.

However, Mr. Kelly had the courage and fortitude to tell his audience at Westminster College and the nation:

"Some of (the FBI's) activities were clearly wrong and quite indefensible. We must certainly never allow them to be repeated. It is true that many of the activities being condemned were, considering the times in which they occurred -- the violent Sixties -- good faith efforts to prevent bloodshed and wanton destruction of property. Nevertheless, there were wrongful uses of power."

Director Kelley's candor is extremely valuable to the nation at this time because there is no way one can solve a problem unless the problem is faced up to and admitted. Mr. Kelley has now done this and this offers hope for the future.

"The mistakes of the past," Mr. Kelley said, "must be acknowledged if they are to be avoided in the future. . . . We cannot pretend there were missteps if we are to progress."

The country should applaud Mr. Kelley's action, because it is healthy for the nation and also for the FBI, which is an agency that America badly needs. And the country should share his feelings when he says, "It is time . . . to concentrate on the FBI present and the FBI future . . . and to permit the FBI and all peace keeping agencies to get on with their mission of trying to assure the continuance of orderly constituted government. . . ."

As the result of facts that were presented to the Senate Intelligence Committee during the past year, I have frequently been critical of the FBI because in many instances the agency has wrongfully used its power, as Mr. Kelley says.

Now it is up to the Congress to see that these violations of the past are not repeated, by exercising diligent oversight over the agency's activities and by enacting standards that will guide those activities.

This nation needs the FBI and it needs the services of those thousands of agents who have served and continue to serve with dedication to preserve a free society.

But Director Kelley is right when he says, "The mistakes (of the past) must be acknowledged if they are to be avoided in the future."

