

WHAT HAPPENED TO MASSIVE RESISTANCE JOHN J. SYNON

every heard the true story of why the South's opposition to classroom integration collapsed, what started the fall of the dominoes. You should; it is an interesting story and was told to me by the late Senator Harry F. Byrd.

See, first, what was the situation in Virginia just before the collapse, in 1958, four years after the infamous Warren-Court

J. Lindsay Almond, in Jan-uary of that year and upon tak-ing the oath of office as gover-ling the oath of office as governor gave a clear reflection of Virginia's determination to op- phalanx of opposition was depose the unconstitutional ruling: stroyed. Only Mississipi and Alably", the new governor said, " ... to stand firm with unwavering unity of purpose and high resolve against every assault upon right? Harry Byrd or the merthe sovereign integrity of this chants? Commonwealth."

That was the spirit of Massive Resistance.

But soon Lindsay Almond was to slip his self-imposed bonds of principle, and, having done so, once his term ran out, was to crawl away to the obscurity of a tax-court bench, Nobody in Virginia, today, speaks of Linsay Almond. His is the picture turned to the wall.

How that happened, what made a turncoat of this Byrd Organization stalwart is the story of what happened to classroom integra-

The story Senator Byrd told just sort of slipped out. We were there in his cluttered aerie in the Old Senate Office Build-ing, talking or problems felating to the then-pending Civil Rights

It is not likely that you have | bill. It was late in 1963, and the old senator was tired. He spoke, first of Almond's collapse then, suddenly and without preamble, he said: "They paid me a visit, about 50 of them, mostly from Richmond; the merchants, the bankers, the newspaper people, people who had supported me all of my political life.

"Now, they said, they would support me no longer. That if I continued with Massive Resistance they would oppose me

the leader toppled, the South's call upon the General Assem- bama — God bless them — refused to knuckle under.

The question comes: Who was

What is the evidence? Are our public-school systems, today

nore nobly serving our young people or are they serving them less well? Can the races, with justice to both, be educated

communally? Here is a fact that should ans-

wer the question:
On July 8, 1968, 14 years after the Warren-Court decision, 10 years after Virginia's monied interests coerced the living symbol of the State's honor, The Wall Street Journal ran a comprehensive story of the education of our children. The piece was written by Roger A. Freeman, Senior Staff Member at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. Dr. Freeman wrote: "The fact is that on the average black children (today) tend to be several months betend to be several months behind white children when they enter school, and the discrepancy widens as the children are promoted each year until at the beginning of the 12th grade the average black child lags from three to six years behind national norms."

That is the fact; the average black child (IQ-80) is not able to keep up with a curriculum designed to accomodate the averate white child (IQ-100). And what comes of that? Well.

we know this: When horses are in harness, the pace must be set by the slowest.

And that is what is happening to our public-school systems, as it is what is happening to our nation - and it is how it hap-

But the Richmond merchants, as the merchants in Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans and way stations; the Richmond bankers as the bankers in Atlanta; as the metropolitan dailies from Richmond to El Paso, they never had it so good.

No, but resistance to their design is not dead; the spirit of Harry Byrd still lives in the 9,900,000 Americans who, on November 5, voted for George C. Wallace.

The fight goes on.

COPLES IN VIETNAM

Private First Class James W Coples, son of David L. Coples of Route 7, Kinston, was assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam, Dec. 1. His wife Claretha, also lives on Route 7.

JONES COUNTY BOOKMOBILE SCHEDURE Friday — January 17, 1969 Whaley's Home \_\_\_\_ 9:30- 9:50

W. Garner's Home\_ 9:55-10:40 Sammy Turnage Home \_\_\_\_\_\_10:45-11:05 Manly Foye's Home 11:15-11:45 Shady Grove Methodist Church 12:00-12:30 Wayne Haskins

Service Station Mrs. Louise Stilley's Home 2:20-2:35 Cecil Adams Farm 2:40-3:10

## DEATHS

Allen Earl Jones

Funeral services will be held at 2 Thursday afternoon from Edwards Funeral Home for Allen Earl Jones, 67, of Dover route 2, who died Tuesday morning.

SHIRT THIEF PROBATIONED

Southport Judge Rudy Mintz Tuesday put Ezzell Lassiter Jr. of 616 Harvey Street on proba-tion after he pleaded guilty to stealing several hundred shirts from his former employer Kinston Shirt Company. He was fined \$100 also.

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