

SEGREGATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDED BY COURT

Ruled Unconstitutional By Supreme Court; Date To End Practice Not Set

Rules Separate Facilities Are Unequal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously today that segregation of Negro and White students in public schools is unconstitutional. But it said it will fall on how and when to end the practice.

Thus many months—perhaps more time will elapse—before the historic ruling actually wipes out in existence in many states.

Chief Justice Warren read the court's opinion which declared: "We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of separate but equal (sic) has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

"Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs (Negro parents) and other similarly situated for whom the action has been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment."

"This disposition makes unnecessary any discussion whether such segregation also violates the due process clause of the 14th Amendment."

The 14th Amendment was adopted after the Civil War, primarily for the benefit of slaves freed by President Lincoln. It says no state may deny any person due process and equal protection of the law, nor abridge their privileges or immunities.

The cases decided today—with the court's finding that segregation is unconstitutional—involved five states: South Carolina, Virginia, Kansas, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

But lawyers said a ruling against segregation would affect a total of 17 states which have laws requiring separation of the races in schools, plus three other states having laws which permit—but do not require—segregation.

The court was told the 17 states and the District of Columbia had

Danville School Board Will Meet At Once To Study Court Decision

Officials Give Views On Matter; Call For Calm Study On All Sides

Robert P. McConnell, chairman of the School Board, on being informed that the court had abolished segregation in the United States public schools, said this afternoon that he would call a meeting of the Danville School Board "at once."

He further stated that the decision would materially alter the plans which have been drawn up and which now are being done in detail form for the new high school.

The board, he said, knowing the vitality of the decision, has been marking time on the high school project knowing that the termination of segregation would necessitate some major revisions in planning.

Superintendent O. T. Bonner who interrupted his lunch when the flash came through, declared that it will take some time to think the matter through with "a level headed attitude."

He was most interested in the effective time and noted that the stories stated it will be "some time" before the decree can be issued.

Bonner also added that since the Danville schools come under the state system, it will be up to the state to take initial steps.

State Senator Landon R. Wyatt speculated that it may be necessary to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider the whole question.

City Manager T. E. Temple encountered a blocked switchboard when he tried to reach the newspaper for confirmation that the ruling had been handed down.

When contacted by a reporter, he remarked that it is the most momentous news in years. He immediately called for calm consideration.

He said that the school board no longer will have to wonder how to approach the proposed building program. Temple explained: "There it is. The course is clear."

As word spread like wildfire through downtown Danville, never has there been more discussion on a single subject since the A-bomb.

Firm Entered, Haul Is Made; Boy Wounded

Man Accidentally Shot In The Hand

A breaking and entering and an accidental shooting topped occurrences claiming police attention over the week-end.

Charlie's Place on Riverside Drive was broken into by way of a rear window and a sizeable quantity of cigarettes, cigars, candy and chewing gum taken. The discovery was made during a routine check by Lieut. Curtis Fields shortly after last midnight.

Albert Thomas Neal, 34, of 602 Henry St., was treated at Memorial Hospital early yesterday for a 22-caliber bullet wound in the hand.

Officers quoted the man as saying he was seated on the side of a bed playing with the weapon when it discharged accidentally.

Interceding when a man allegedly attacked his wife, a 15-year-old colored youth, Willie Lee Dixon, of 7 Alley St. was treated at Winslow Hospital Saturday night for a lacerated hand. He told police he sustained the cuts while trying to take a knife from a man threatening to use it on his wife.

An unusual theft—a window sash from the dwelling entered, is being investigated. Jacob H. Tate, of 663 Cabell St., reported that a house he owns on Whitman St. was entered by a rear window ostensibly by someone looking for a place to sleep.

The missing sash of a front window remained a mystery today.

A 17-year-old boy was apprehended yesterday on a charge of larceny of a one-cylinder gasoline engine from the premises of the Baugh Fertilizer Company. He was charged with larceny and with trespass.

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Paroled Slayer Captured After Bizarre Deaths

Held For Four Brutal Killings

MOULTREE, Ga. (AP)—Capture of a paroled Georgia convict wanted in connection with four brutal slayings ended three days of terror today and brought sighs of relief to this South Georgia community.

Tom Williams, a 45-year-old paroled murderer, was taken on the edge of a swamp east of the city last night. Lt. W. E. McDuffie of the Georgia Bureau of Identification made the capture. He hustled Williams off to his automobile, locked him in the trunk and headed for an undisclosed jail.

The hundreds of citizens who had joined in the man hunt were not told immediately about the capture but there was a feeling of great relief when the news became generally known.

Williams, a slightly built grey-haired Negro, was found about 300 yards from the home where retired Prison Warden W. C. Rowland and his wife were killed Saturday night. Their throats were cut and both had been brutally slashed.

Another double slaying the previous night had created tension in this community of 12,000. An unknown attacker killed E. T. Norman and J. D. Croft at a drive-in grocery. Both men had their throats cut and Norman was shot through the eyes with a 22-caliber bullet. About \$15 was missing from the cash register.

Mrs. Rowland's screams brought Lucian Norman and John Bailey hurrying to her house Saturday night. Both men were attacked as they entered the residence. Norman was hospitalized with critical knife wounds. Bailey, who was not so badly slashed, identified Williams as the assailant.

Mrs. Rowland died almost immediately from several cuts and stab wounds. Her husband was found about three hours later beneath some burlap bags in his tobacco barn.

McDuffie said Williams readily confessed killing Rowland and his wife and slashing the two men who responded to her screams.

For three days homes had been locked and lights kept burning all night after police warned citizens to avoid dark areas.

McDuffie said he followed bloodhounds to the edge of the swamp area. There he spied Williams.

Williams was taken to the Danville jail. He is being held in the city jail.

The French-American talks between President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles and other leaders in the United States, Britain, France and other friendly nations interested in Southeast Asia are going forward again after having been sidetracked for a few days.

McCarthy-Army Hearings' Future Thrown In Doubt

Presidential Order Shutting Off Inquiry Denounced By Sen. McCarthy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The future of the McCarthy-Army hearings was thrown in doubt today by a presidential order—denounced by Sen. McCarthy as an "iron curtain"—shutting off inquiry into whether "higher-ups" directed the charges against the senator.

The Senate investigations subcommittee recessed its public hearings at 11:55 a. m. (EDT) to consider in closed session what stand it might take on Eisenhower's order.

McCarthy, claiming that "this cover up" made it impossible to get at the truth, declined to say, when asked by reporters, whether he might walk out on the hearings if the subcommittee accepts the order.

The President's order was laid before the subcommittee when it convened, and received a calm reception at the time.

But later, Sen. Jackson (D-Wash), McClellan (D-Ark) and Symington fired a few critical volleys at it.

McCarthy asked for a five-minute recess to confer with his aides. Roy M. Cohn and Francis P. Carr, about their course in the light of what he termed this "almost unbelievable situation."

Returning, he told the subcommittee: "I must admit I'm at somewhat of a loss as to what to do at this moment."

"For some fantastically strange reason," he said, "the Iron Curtain is pulled down" forbidding testimony concerning what was said or done at a meeting last January attended by Atty. Gen. Brownell, top White House aide Sherman Adams, and others.

McCarthy said: "The American people will not stand for a cover-up half way through these hearings."

McCarthy described the Jan. 21 meeting as one at which the charges the Army has fired at him of "improper" pressures to get favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, "were instigated and conceived."

He said he didn't believe Eisenhower was really responsible for the order cutting off possible testimony from government officials about this meeting.

"I don't think his judgment is that bad," McCarthy declared. He feels sure, McCarthy added, that Eisenhower would not have issued it "if he knew what it was all about."

Strike Called

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—A nationwide strike called by the Communist-infiltrated Central Labor Union began this morning, but was only partially effective.

The government has declared the strike illegal, and heavy detachments of police patrolled the streets. Militarized national police and Army troops were held in readiness in their barracks.

To Avoid Intervention LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill reaffirmed today that Britain will avoid military intervention in Indochina until the results of the Geneva conference become known.

In a statement to the House of Commons, the prime minister also emphasized that Britain will make no decisions regarding seats—the proposed 10-nation military alliance for Southeast Asia—until the Geneva conferees succeed or fail.

Secret Session GENEVA (AP)—The Geneva conference went into secret sessions on Indochina today with the Western powers ensnared in a dispute with the Communists over evacuation of the wounded at Dien Bien Phu.

The West maintains that the Communist-led Vietnamese originally agreed to the removal of all French Union wounded from the captured garrison, including Vietnamese. But a broadcast of the Vietnamese radio, heard in Saigon, said the Vietnamese wounded were not being evacuated.

Costello Sentenced NEW YORK (AP)—Racketeer Frank Costello was sentenced today to five years in prison for federal income tax evasion and fined \$30,000.

He was sentenced by Federal Judge John F. X. McGohery shortly before noon after the government had described Costello as "the symbol of the successful racketeer."

Costello, who could have received up to 15 years imprisonment, also was assessed the cost of the trial.

Sign For Title Bout SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Signing of a world's middleweight title fight here for next August between Champion Carl Bobo Olson, of San Francisco, and Rocky Castellani, No. 1 contender, was announced here today by Promoter Benny Ford.

Good Progress Made On County Court Docket

CHATHAM—Good progress was made at this morning's opening session of Pittsylvania County Circuit Court with Judge John D. Hocker presiding.

Fourteen appealed misdemeanor cases were swiftly disposed of with Trial Justice penalties affirmed in most cases.

In the lone jury trial of the morning session, Dennis Dearing, of Stony Mills, was fined \$50 and given 60 days on a whisky charge—possession of bootleg whisky at a dance. The flat time was 30 days shorter than that imposed in the lower court.

Indications at 1 o'clock this afternoon were that progress is so marked that felony cases will be taken up tomorrow.

May 18: Earl Anderson Elliott, involuntary manslaughter, Roger Robertson Shelton, statutory rape, Monroe Rowland embezzlement, Herbert Clinton Shelton, bigamy.

May 19: Harry Thomas Odell, maliciously shooting into a dwelling house, Morgan Elwood Roach, bigamous cohabitation, Sylvester Farmer, malicious cutting, Allen Tommie Womack, statutory rape and Howard Graves, same charge.

May 20: John William Merricks, malicious shooting, Henry Lloyd Edmonds, illegal seizure of a child and malicious cutting, Ben Pannell, malicious cutting and Paige Pannell, same charge.

May 21: Wylie Carter, malicious cutting. May 26: William Charlie Young Jr. and T. L. Anderson, both charged with violation of probation.

MANILA (AP)—The surrender of Luis Taruc, colorful leader of the Communist-directed Huk rebels, was hailed today as a major step in President Ramon Magsaysay's campaign against the Huks.

Army combat teams surged through the jungles of southern Luzon seeking the remnants of Taruc's Elite Guard while Carlos P. Romula, a top presidential aide, hailed the surrender as the end of the rebellion.

Warm Sunshine Follows Rain; Crops Are Aided

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The Armed Forces Day parade Saturday has been called off until next year. Saturday's scheduled May Day program at Stratford College has been re-scheduled for Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Some gardeners and farmers said today they could almost see their young crops growing as the warm sunshine followed the soaking rainfall.

Peabody, Mass., Hit By Flood; Damages Run Into Millions

PEABODY, Mass. (AP)—This industrial city of 23,000 counted a loss of millions today as it cleared debris and fought a health menace in the wake of a flash flood caused by a dam burst.

Mayor Philip C. O'Donnell said the flood waters which raced into the heart of the city last night caused what may result in the "heaviest property damage of any non-fatal disaster" in the city's 300-year history.

As digging out operations got underway, state and local health officials joined to combat the health problem.

The city's nine schools, with 3,500 children, were ordered closed for the day. All restaurants and food stores were earmarked for close inspections. City-wide water tests were scheduled. Police equipped with loud-speaking systems cruised the streets warning residents to boil all water used for drinking or cooking.

The health menace was increased, officials said, by the mixture of chemicals from leather tanneries and other industrial plants from the flood waters. Hundreds of gallons of gasoline also flowed freely as some service station pumps toppled.

No persons suffered any serious mishaps as a result of the flood. Police credited the speedy mobilization of evacuation forces with the prevention of injuries or panic.

The water surged downhill into the central business area of Peabody Square after two one-ton granite blocks of a dam gave way at a pond called the Flume about a mile away.

"It looked like the Mississippi River flowing in," witnesses on rooftops said.

Water up to 6 feet deep flooded scores of buildings, including 75 factories, all the city's main stores, city hall, police and fire headquarters and the historic 150-year-old South Congregational Church.

Mayor O'Donnell said some 1,000 leather workers face an indefinite lay-off because of damage to tan-

Today's Queer Story

GREENVILLE, S. C. (AP)—It was a routine Saturday afternoon at a movie here. Then somebody screamed there were snakes in the theater.

There was a stampede for the exits. All the lights went on and a snake hunt started.

U. S. Efforts To Form United Front In Southeast Asia Rolling Again

WASHINGTON (AP)—Diplomats reported today that American efforts to form a united front in Southeast Asia are rolling again after weeks of confusion and hesitation during which little progress was made.

Three lines of action are now considered probable: 1. French Premier Joseph Laniel, in talks with U. S. Ambassador C. Douglas Dillon at Paris, is expected to present a concrete proposition for American intervention in Indochina.

The Weather

Temperature Reading By The BEE'S Radial Thermometer

DANVILLE AND VICINITY: Tonight, fair and mild, low 56; Tuesday, partly cloudy, dry and cooler, high 81.

TEMPERATURES

1 a. m. today 58 (clear) 2 p. m. today 82 (clear)