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Little Rock: A Hangover Would Help

WE CANNOT even guess at the demeanor of the handful of men who met at the White House today to consider the crisis at Little Rock and the future course of the great social experiment called school integration. It's doubtful that the communique, if any, will give an accurate picture of what went on between the President and the southern governors. It's doubtful, in fact, that they are completely aware as yet of the proportions of the disaster that confronts them.

Such a man might point out to the President the legal swampland he marches into with his order sending paratroopers to Little Rock. He might ask the President whether he sent troops to put down a rebellion or to operate Central High School, or both. And if both the maintenance of peace and military operation of a school was his aim, as seems apparent, does he intend to follow this precedent in the future? A legal mind isn't required to see that quelling riots is one thing and providing military escorts for students going to and from classrooms is entirely another thing.

This intervention of troops within the school must seem entirely right to die-hard segregationists and entirely wrong to die-hard integrationists. We do not pretend to know what law, if any, covers such a situation. We strongly suspect, however, that there is no law on the point and that the advocates of might makes right within the administration are making their law as they go along.

There are situations that cannot be resolved by law that are left to the people and their leaders to resolve through wisdom. In Arkansas and Washington, the leaders have failed the people by reducing a great social dilemma to the terms of which side has the most troops.

If the hangover headache and the queasy stomach is felt at the White House conference today, it is entirely fitting. And if it leads to firm resolves against future hinges of force and self-righteousness, the nation will have made a start back toward sanity.

How To Run Away From The Problem

THE SUGGESTION that athletic relations between Harding and Myers Park High Schools be discontinued as a result of last week's post-game brawl is defeatist nonsense.

It is an admission that the home, the school, the church and the law cannot deal with a familiar moral problem. Rather than face the problem squarely, the game-stoppers would merely duck out on it.

As a result, the vast majority of law-abiding students of the two institutions and the community at large would be deprived of the desirable benefits of interscholastic athletic competition.

Cancellation of a spirited football rivalry would not represent a remedy, rather an avoidance of a remedy.

Deprived of one arena for their hooliganism, the young rowdies would find others.

It is all too easy to blame primitivism at sports events on the excitement of the moment. But most spectators and players participate in exciting athletic contests without reacting violently. Sportsmanship is not foreign to human nature. Only the minority casts it to the winds in a moment of irritation or elation.

Some deep and universal spiritual malaise may be infecting youth today, as some troubled observers believe. If so then the responsible members of society ought to go to work on a cure.

The influence of the home is perhaps the most important factor. But all human

institutions have a stake in this problem. The school themselves should be teaching sportsmanship. That is, after all, one of an athletic program's reasons for being. Its purpose is certainly not to determine which individual school is superior. Matters of that kind are not decided on the playing field.

As for the persistent rebels, the only solution is the force of law. It is the duty of an alert and prepared police department to compel respect for law and order. In other words, youth should be made to feel the consequence of its misdeeds.

Last week's brawl assumed serious proportions as a result of a great deal of laxity on the part of all of the human institutions involved—including the community's law enforcement agencies. When these institutions begin discharging their responsibilities properly the problem will be solved. But no problem was ever solved by running away from it.

Cleanliness

SINCE scientists have been so successful in producing a "clean" bomb perhaps they can now put on their thinking caps and produce some clean harricams, clean tornadoes and clean earthquakes. In an age of pious destruction, the positive values of natural disasters have been neglected too long.

Ike's Prosperity Puts Dogdom In Mink

JUST AS WE always suspected it would, the world of fashions has gone straight to the dogs.

Word leaked out of Manhattan last week about a style show held in a Park Avenue suite where more than 100 chic canine accessories were displayed.

The prettifying items designed especially for Rover, Towser, Spot and Sport included:

A blue gabardine raincoat with matching leggings and hood, a black lace cock-

tail collar with matching cocktail apron for the dog's mistress, a yellow terry cloth beach robe, a pink kid coat with gold buttons, a mink coat and silk pajamas.

That's prosperity for you. The Eisenhower boom now even touches the mutt in the street. And assume, however, that Vice President Nixon's little dog Checkers will, like Pat, forever shun mink for a good Republican cloth coat.

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

EVEN WITHOUT AN ABACUS

IT is said—we do not know with how much authority... if a woman saves a dress or a hat long enough, she will find it in high style again. The same principle clearly applies to teaching methods. Back in the unbelievably remote Golden Age, a good many of us learned that 2 and 2 are 4 by pushing together on a board of red two green balls and two red balls. And now we are informed that the abacus is to be used to teach arithmetic in the first two grades of the St. Louis schools.

This news comes at the same time as a report by Sam Dawson, the financial writer, that the builders of electronic calculators or "mechanical brains" are concentrating on small, low-priced models for small business. Small, in this case, means about as big as a desk, and low-priced means around \$40,000. And that may be why the School Board has adopted the abacus.

On the other hand, the board may have heard of Maurice Dagher of Calais, France, who has astonished the French Academy of Science by beating the tin brains over and over again. He has never made a mistake, although the machines have ground out the wrong answer more

than once. To test him, the Academy gave him 52 mathematical brain-twisters to be solved in competition with the big gadgets—in quick succession—and without the aid of so much as a pencil and pad. For Maurice Dagher this seems to have been a lark.

For the rest of us it is another bit of wonder. At a time when the gadget world seems to be setting a pace too fast for man—bungler that he so often is—M. Dagher shows that with a bit of concentration, not even an abacus, homo sapiens can stay in the race.

Hard work never kills anybody—but it saves a lot of people half to death.—GASTONIA GAZETTE.

At 20, we don't care what other people think of us. At 30 we begin to be concerned, then at 50 we discover they were not even thinking of us.—LEXINGTON LEADER.

The nursery rhyme has been modernized. One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, four to go—and \$5 for the baby sitter.—CARLSBAD CURRENT-ARGUS.

President Eisenhower Can Hear The North-South Split

By STEWART ALOP

IN terms of internal unity and the political health of the United States, the domestic crisis which now confronts the country is as dangerous as any in this century. For what it is worth, this is the basic conclusion which this reporter has brought back from witnessing the ugly events in Little Rock.

The conclusion may sound extreme, and perhaps it is. For it is an unsettling experience to see American soldiers using their bayonets to herd a sullen crowd of American civilians down a pleasant, shady, American street. It is an unsettling experience also to sense, as it was impossible not to sense, in Little Rock, the reason-binding, glandular rancor which surrounds the race issue, passions which can so easily be exploited by demagogues to their own ends.

PROSPECT

The central danger in the present situation is clear. It is that, in the wake of Little Rock, the demagogues and the advocates of violence will succeed in dominating the southern political scene.

In the South, there are no white integrationists with any political power at all. There are, instead, two types of segregationists. The first kind, which has been until now generally despised, is the type which opposes integration, and we favor using all means within the law to stop integration, or failing that, to slow it down. We must remain within the law, and we must abide by violence.

The second kind says, "We must use any means, including



Ike: Big Challenge

of an open call to insurrection. The Fabius rhetoric about federal troops "bludgeoning innocent bystanders, with bayonets in the backs of school girls, and the warm red blood of patriotic American citizens staining the cold, unheated knives" was an invitation to violence. And given the present mood of Little Rock, the invitation is all too likely to be accepted, when the opportunity presents itself.

Fabius, as his bitterest critics agree, is a shrewd politician. So are men like James Eastland of Mississippi and Olin Johnston of South Carolina, who have also extended an implied invitation to violence. And the central political fact which must not be reckoned with is that the advocacy of violence, open or implied, may be smart politics in the South, as the undoubted present popularity of Fabius in Arkansas suggests.

If the extremists triumph in the South, the voices already being raised in the North for punitive action against the South will become far louder. And this interplay of extremism could quite conceivably lead to genuine national tragedy.

IT'S UP TO IKE

There is only one man who can act effectively to avert the tragedy, and he is the President of the United States. What the President must do is clear, although how he is to do it, in the wake of Little Rock, is another matter. He must find ways and means, short of an ignominious surrender on the integration issue, to reassure and strengthen the moderate and reasonable men in the South. For



Sen. Eastland: Smart Politics

these men may otherwise soon have their backs to the wall in Little Rock today, for example, it takes actual physical courage to take a public stand for moderation on the race issue.

Even after Little Rock, the President is well equipped for this task, not only because he is President, but because he is Dwight D. Eisenhower. He still has an important reservoir of trust and good will in the South, despite Little Rock, and no one can accuse him of harboring personal political ambitions. The genius of Eisenhower, moreover, lies always in calming passions and in finding common ground between warring factions.

But the President cannot do the job that must be done sporadically, or between golf games. He cannot do it by issuing occasional statements through press secretaries, or staging an occasional meeting with southerners. He can only do it by devoting all his time, all his energy, and all his heart and soul to healing the wrenching, tearing disunity which threatens the country.

For if matters are allowed to drift, and the advocates of violence become dominant in the South, the end result may well be to make a Little Rock in many southern towns, and in a time of great danger, to fear the country apart as it has not been torn since reconstruction days.

People's Platform Dixie's Hopes Ride With Southern Governors

Charlotte, The News.

As the men who love the South should pray for the success of the southern governors who are trying to reason with President Eisenhower on the Little Rock crisis. They should include in their prayers the governor of Arkansas and the hoodlums who are the terror to the South there. They need help, too, but of a different sort.

The way for the South to settle its problems is at the conference table and not on the battle line.

All the South needs is the good faith and kindness of the people of our states and our nation and who desire that justice, brotherhood and peace shall triumph in the end.

It is going to take a lot of prayers. —MARTIN DEDRICK

Others Have Used Force In A Crisis

Charlotte, The News.

First: The American Indians were moved by the United States Army from their homes in Western North Carolina and forced to walk all the way to the plains of Oklahoma to live off of Buffalo meat. They were segregated and killed in the Little Rock crisis, which still is. History calls it the march of tears.

Second: President Wilson sent Army troops into Arkansas to break up a coal strike.

Third: President Hoover ordered Army troops to force the honor marchers off the lawn at the White House in Washington. Draw your own conclusions as to what was right or wrong. —TOM LEE CROWELL, SR.

Which One Speaks For Christ's Church?

Charlotte, The News.

We wish to keep the church separated from the government. If we are to keep out of politics then I think we should refrain from having anything to say about what they do after they get into office.

I contend we should be very active in politics, and try to elect good church officers to our government offices throughout our

land. If we are not going to do that then let's keep our trap shut after they get in office.

However, to Rev. Henry Egger I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes.

But to the Rev. A. Walter Williams I regretfully say, being a Baptist myself, that he has caused a considerable amount of embarrassment to the Baptists through our land and country, also that he certainly did not express

the views of many of the Baptists.

There is no denying that Dorothy knocked on the door of education at Harding High and she could, and should, have knocked on the door of a Negro school. Rev. A. W. Williams in his letter to your paper very clearly implies that he doesn't think the Negro teachers are capable of teaching Dorothy. That within itself is a grand insult to the Negro teachers.

I have not seen Dorothy's picture in the magazines but I can assure you that the magazines, or the papers, are not printing the true picture of both sides, and in failing to do so are doing the general public a great injustice, and just might have to answer for their conduct.

I, for one, could look at the pictures of Dorothy without shedding a tear and I am a Christian. Furthermore, because we are furnishing the Negroes with the best schools possible I contend

'Later On, I'd Like To Ask You Something'

Charlotte, The News.

WHERE are the rights of the American people? The high court has taken them by force. We can look for nothing but violence and bloodshed until our Supreme Court is impeached. We should start anew by electing judges for not more than a two-year term—voting them out and appointing them to sit there until their brains become null and void. . . . If Mr. Eisenhower can stop a shooting war in Korea, what about the civil war that is on about school segregation? —W. L. BLACKWELDER

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Fabius Called Guard To Keep Negroes Out

By I. Lavandis

Charlotte, The News.

GOV. Fabius' whimsical casting of blame and amazement at the actions and deceit of the government against its people. In the last few days the federal government has used storm trooper methods against some of the states. It must be remembered that if this sort of thing can be carried out in one part of the nation it can be carried out all over the nation.

Where is the freedom that is spoken so much of by the dictator few of our country who believe in force by arms? The country as a whole deplores such action by any other government against its people. —I. A. GRAHAM

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'Storm Trooper' Methods Used

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WHERE of the South are the architects, editors for the Arab nations today.

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But whether in camps or in high places, the Palestinian refugees have been the dominant factor both in the awakening of Arab nationalism and in contributing to its political instability. They are one reason for demands of land reform, and also for hatred of the United States and England.

Fifth And Bitterness

No matter what their poverty, no matter how long they have to wait, they prefer to sit in fifth and bitterness till the day comes when they can return.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round The Arab World Is Racing Ahead

AMMAN, Jordan.

JUST outside my window in the Hotel Philadelphia is an ancient Roman amphitheater built before Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator, decreed the crucifixion of Christ. Among the marble seats where Roman crowds looked down on the lions and the gladiators, goats now browse. Weeds grow between the marble slabs. Donkeys amble past the amphitheater as I did in the days of Joseph and Mary. All is serene and peaceful.

But in the rest of Jordan and the Arab world it is not peaceful.

America's Problem

"The Arab world," King Hussein of Jordan told me "after sleeping for centuries, has now raced ahead."

That is what presents the great problem for the United States if it is to continue its interest in Arab oil, and its desire to keep the Arab world from coming under Russian domination.

world, after sleeping since the 15th century, has now raced ahead. It is experiencing as many social changes in one decade as the United States experienced in one century. It is jumping from a nomadic economy of goat herds to an industrial economy of airplanes and factories in a few short years. In 1948, the city of Amman had a population of 40,000. Today, 10 years later, the population is almost 240,000. In 1910, Jordan was a sleepy desert sheikdom under Turkey in which no one could travel at night outside the city. Caravans had to be heavily guarded. Only in the city was there safety.

Refugee Problem

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While the lot of the refugees, in many cases, has been hard, their political influence has been tremendous. They have been the single greatest factor in the Arab awakening since the end of Turkish rule. Just as the tribes of Israel, exiled from Palestine, carried with them an advanced culture, so the Arab refugees fleeing from the same part of the world have spread more advanced political and social theories.

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the college trained Arab leaders in the ways of the west, planted the first seeds of democratic revolt against 500 years of Turkish rule.

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Israel took over in 1948 have provided many of the doctors, teachers, diplomats, architects, editors for the Arab nations today.

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