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Hodges Exhibits Courage And Wisdom

LUTHER Hodges, the politician who served no apprenticeship, came on the Raleigh scene equipped with a subtle sense of timing, a distaste for theatrics and a knack for blowing chaff off wheat. Gov. Hodges' built-in political skills have served the state well. By helping to preserve a temperate zone on the edge of the racial ironies, they have served the South. This week, in earnest, constructive efforts to mediate between Little Rock and Washington, Luther Hodges is rendering a national service of significant substance.

enormy of the desegregation problem with the purpose of evolving some mutually acceptable solution. Without the ken of leaders like Hodges, there is no hope for sensible solutions. An integral part of his discernment is that states rights and state responsibilities are inseparable. Whether Gov. Faubus is willing to admit the point still is in doubt because he changed the text of the compromise agreement reached in the first few hours of the White House negotiations. His current position is that he will not obstruct orders of the courts but he expresses no opinion as to what the mobs might do. Gov. Hodges' expressed regret over this chaff in the Faubus statement was realistic and wise. If Gov. Faubus is as eager as he should be to have federal troops removed, he will remove all doubts as to his willingness to maintain law and order. No such doubts attach to Hodges and his colleagues on the committee of governors.

Hodges' sharp sense of timing was evident as he reacted instantly to word that federal troops had been dispatched to Little Rock. Within a matter of hours, in cooperation with other state governors, he was moving to get the troops out of Little Rock and the responsibility for maintaining law and order back into the hands of local and state officials in Arkansas. The continuing impasse detracts nothing from the courage, realism and determination Hodges has exhibited in seizing the horns of the dilemma. For the moment, at least, the insurrectionists of the South and the cheerleaders of the North have fallen silent. In the interval, there remains hope that common sense can clear away the emotional debris left by the federal-state clash of rights and responsibilities and, further, that both state and federal governments will begin to face up to the

While Gov. Hodges' performance on the national stage has been thoughtful and distinguished it has had an unfortunate result in conjecture that his efforts may land him a berth on the national Democratic ticket in 1960. The governor surely is trying to render a disinterested and desperately needed service. And while we have no doubt of his qualifications for national office, it seems a disservice to him and his efforts to infuse political ambition into the picture. There has been quite enough of that in Little Rock. Luther Hodges, we believe, is earning new understanding and sympathy for the South. If he also is earning greater prestige for himself and North Carolina, let the emoluments come later in their proper time and place.

Basketball? Right This Way, Please

CHARLOTTE'S burst of enthusiasm for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 1958 regional basketball playoffs is no frivolous fluke. It hints of a deeper dedication to big-time basketball than even the promoters suspected when they landed the spectacle for Charlotte. Two days after the tickets went on sale to the general public they were sold out—all 24,000 of them. Charlotte simply showed the green of its

glamor may leave the fans cold hereabouts. But a real extravaganza, a gathering of the best, builds bonfire-bright interest. Charlotte will pay to see the best. It has already bought 24,000 tickets to the NCAA regional playoffs simply because it knows it will see the best—although it does not know what names the best will go by.

What more convincing proof is needed of the Queen City's ability to support the annual Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament? This attractive fact has already occurred to Frank McGuire, coach of the University of North Carolina's national basketball champions. He has long advocated movement of the ACC tournament from its "permanent site" in North Carolina State College's Reynolds Coliseum. The legitimacy of Mr. McGuire's logic should not be lost on other ACC chieftains. It has often been said that Charlotte is a poor basketball town, that it will not support a tournament. A makeshift tournament of limited

The ACC has already established itself as one of the fastest collegiate leagues in the nation. Carolina, State, Duke and Wake Forest alone make up as fearsome a foursome as any state in the nation can produce. Charlotte would happily support a tournament promising such a lineup—not once but year after year. There is some justification, too, for staging the conference tournament on a neutral court. This point figures mightily in Coach McGuire's argument. As host school, State College could be expected to be more confident on its home boards. Is such an edge important? Most coaches would agree that it is. —Charlotte, a neutral city with Dixie's finest coliseum, is the logical tournament site. ACC. Right this way, please.

Down To The Sea In Ships, Podner

IT is hereby duly lodged that a subtle Red Sea ambush has been prepared for the parahous of western television. While the six-gun still rules our cathode tubes, we have now a salt-water series for every chamber of that trusty Colt. For the timid who would wade, as it were, three of the weekly video offerings content themselves with gurgling about

in harbor. Another prepares viewers to treat naval officers in kindly manner with glimpses of their disciplined. Acad-emy life. The other two lead deep-water soundings from our barnacled past. Other sponsors, too, have seen fit to launch one-gun nautical tales in ever-increasing numbers. They stand as beacons for the saddle-sore. It may happen yet that some favorite gunslinger is wet-gulched at the pass.

From The Washington Post & Times Herald

TITLES FOR EVERYMAN

AMONG the paradoxes of American democracy which European visitors take special delight in pointing out is the fascination with lofty-sounding titles in a country where otherwise even the President is affectionately known by a nickname. For instance, before Congress went home, the Committee on House Administration formally gave its blessings to a resolution which would change the title of the "Chief Janitor" and "Assistant Chief Janitor (Minority)" to "Custodian" and "Assistant Custodian (Minority)."

is there anything wrong with adding a touch of glamour to the toiler's occupation? Surely titles associated with a gainful calling are no less defensible than titles inherited through lucky choice of parents. The title "Assistant Custodian (Minority)" has a pleasant and authoritative ring to it, and it is every bit as deserving of respect as that tired, worn "gentleman" which is used to describe every one who has no visible means of support except a pair of scissors for clipping coupons.

The committee was acting in conformity with an honorable American tradition. In America inherited titles are rampant, with the exception of the titled spouses of Hollywood stars and the Queen of England. But titles associated with a man's calling are the subject of tender concern by most Americans. H. L. Mencken, in his classic AMERICAN LANGUAGES, compiled a list of euphemisms; for example: exterminating engineer for rat-catcher, chinorisor for barber, electrigrat for electrical contractor, and, of course, that old favorite mortician for undertaker.

On days when the stock market is called "slough," some people look at "slough" and think of the mud. As though they'd been slugged. —RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER. The greatest complaint a father can receive from a five-year-old son: "I wish every day was Christmas. I wish night-comes-was-day and now comes, and wish every day was your day off." —TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT. "That's a darling hat," the saleslady said. "Really, when you put it on, madam, it makes you look ten years younger." "Thank you, but I don't want the customer snapped. I don't want to look in years older every time I take it off." —LAMAR (Mo.) DEMOCRAT.

By WALTER LIPPMANN

THE situation at Little Rock is not one which is not uncommon in human affairs—that there is not in sight the prospect of a solution which can win general approval. The President cannot hope to be faithful to his commitments and at the same time to satisfy such eminent southern leaders as Byrd, Byrnes, and Russell—not to mention demagogues like Faubus. There exists a national predicament with the President in the middle of it. Since the issue cannot be settled by agreement, the first necessity is that the issue should be clearly and precisely defined. Men of honor and good will can live together, though they disagree, if it is quite clear what it is that they differ about. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that there should come from the White House an exact and authoritative statement as to why the Arkansas National Guard was federalized, why federal troops were sent into Little Rock, how those federal troops can be withdrawn, how the National Guard can be restored to the control of the state of Arkansas.

value, it comes down to a plea that the state of Arkansas was unable to procure orders, at the school unless he killed the law. Thus, there existed a vacuum in the law-enforcing powers of the sovereign state of Arkansas and said, and would not say, that a state may use the National Guard to enforce the laws of the United States. The exact definition of the real issue is of crucial importance in dealing with the question of how



Byrnes, Russell And Byrd: Agreement Is Impossible

VACUUM OF POWER

On two occasions—after his conference with Gov. Faubus in Newport and in his broadcast last week—the President did not define the real reason which justified, and indeed compelled, him to take the military measures. The real reason was that Gov. Faubus, by ordering the National Guard to bar the Negro students and to take the military measures, had in the face of a mob, had endangered the law-enforcing power of the state of Arkansas. Taking Gov. Faubus' explanation at its face

it was this vacuum that the federal government has been compelled to fill. SOLID GROUND On Saturday, in his telegram to Sen. Russell, the President had been better advised than in his broadcast, which, and in his issue, which, as he put it, that "the police powers of the state of Arkansas" have "been utilized to frustrate the order of the court." This is solid ground for him to stand upon. For men like Byrd, Byrnes, and Russell have not

the federal power can be withdrawn from Little Rock. This question has two parts. One is when can the federal troops from the airborne division be withdrawn? The other is when can the Arkansas National Guard be discharged from the federal service. ANSWERS The answer to the first question is that the federal troops can be withdrawn as soon as the Arkansas National Guard, now under federal orders, is judged to be able and willing to preserve

order and to enforce the law. The answer to the second question is that the National Guard cannot be discharged from the federal service until the governor of Arkansas reverses his orders to the National Guard, and My own view has been that we ought long since have begun "asking ourselves whether the desecration of the Supreme Court does not need to be supplemented" by program of guidance and aid as to when, where, how far and how fast, integration should proceed in different school districts, and at the various levels of the elementary school, the high school, the college, and the professional schools. WISEST POLICY "The wisest policy is to proceed by stages, beginning as soon as possible with integration in the universities, in the graduate schools of law, medicine, education, engineering, theology — and where it can be done without causing social convulsions in the junior colleges. The object of this would be to train a new generation of white and colored men and women who will be the leaders in their communities. This was written a year ago. It was written in the conviction that the worst place to begin integration is in co-educational schools for teen-agers, and that the best place to begin integration is at the level of higher education. I do not believe that it is now wise, or indeed possible, to combine for adolescent school children co-education with integration. It is wise and it is possible to open up higher education to integration at the level of higher education. Arkansas is a leader in integration among the southern states.

People's Platform Press Blamed For Failures Of Civil Defense

Charlotte Editors: The News' RECENTLY much comment by newspaper editorials was noted on the inadequacy of Civil Defense. The blame was placed in the National Civil Defense lap.

On the other hand, newspapers have the means to inform the public and the people of our country need to know more of the facts about why they need Civil Defense and Ground Observer Posts, etc. If the people knew these facts they would insist that Civil Defense locally get better support. I wonder if the newspapers can tell us why anyone else why hasn't been done? Why has the public been given only the crumbs of information?

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After all it is said and done, how informed is the general public? What does the general public know about Civil Defense? Most, by nothing. And why? Because local civil defense does not have the funds to do massive advertising and has no way of telling a public that isn't too concerned about listening anyhow.

Stop and talk to people on the street. Ask them at random what the GOC is and they say, "Gosh, never heard of it!" Ask them what a filter center is and they thing it has something to do with Briar Creek. Ask them about Civil Defense and they say, "Oh that's that group that wears those white in hats?"

Why doesn't some American newspaper take it upon themselves to inform Americans about America and let them know just how the cards lay and what our chances are in the event of a bombing? If people knew the facts they'd be up in arms and demand that National Civil Defense become more effective. And thus local Civil Defense too, would become more effective.

—It Fell To Earth. I Know Not Where



Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Refugees Have Little To Do But Hate

JUST outside this ancient city of Jericho, Jordan walls crumpled when Joshua blew seven times on seven trumpets is one of the great festering trouble-spots of the Near East. The city of Jericho is without walls today. It sprawls out at the northern tip of the Dead Sea, 1,300 feet below sea level, where the Jordan River pours its fresh water into a lagoon of water that is so salty fish cannot live. For miles around, the shore is pure salt crystal.

During the nine years the refugees have been sitting in heat and illness at the head of the Dead Sea, they have built up a burning, passionate hate. They hate Israel and they hate Britain and the United States which have befriended Israel. Fanatic Arab leaders have used this as a weapon. Moderate Arab leaders have bowed to it because they are prisoners. Bitterness has become too strong.

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Upsetting Force

It's hot alongside the Dead Sea, stifling hot. But between Jericho and the sea is a camp of 35,000 refugees, fled from Israel during the Arab attack of 1948. We provided work. But the Arab refugees in Jordan either can't get work, are not supplied work or don't want to work. In Lebanon they are not permitted to work to work.

Powerful Passions

The chief difference is that these refugees don't work. The American Friends Service Committee in Yugoslavia operated on the rule: "No work, no eat." We provided work. But the Arab refugees in Jordan either can't get work, are not supplied work or don't want to work. In Lebanon they are not permitted to work to work.

Would They Go Back?

Moderate Arab leaders will tell you privately that if the refugees were given a chance to go back to Israel, only a handful would go back. They claim, however, that Israel must make the gesture of inviting them back, in order to "save face" for the refugees.

There are millions of refugees in other parts of the world, from comic-strip Indochina to free Indochina, from India and Pakistan, from Germany, Poland, and Egypt to Israel, from Hungary and over the world. In most of these areas the refugees do not return to their former homes. They are resettled. But in the Arab countries, they have been permitted to ferment in camps for nine years as a weapon of political hate.

The Jordan's Width

The River Jordan as it flows into the Dead Sea is only 50 feet wide. But in terms of population it is 500 years wide. I could not help but think of the Jordan that is the 35,000 refugees sitting in the heat of Jericho had worked at it. They, like the prophet Joshua, would have made the River Jordan stand still. In nine years they could have built a brick wall across the Jordan which would have turned the barren wastes around them into green fields. Instead they have sat in bitterness and fifth while the fresh waters of the Jordan continue flowing into the brine of the Dead Sea.

Help Wanted

any firm to deny employment to any person on account of age, and bar any of the bureaucrats from public office who had anything to do with bringing into effect such a ruling.

Surely the leaders of this state cannot hope to take care of the older people through pensions, or depend upon the social security payments (after 65) to do the job. It's a long time between 45 and 65, and one wonders just what all the people in this age group (45 to 65) do between the period of 45 and 65?

If a man or woman is too old to work for the state after reaching 45 years, then it stands to reason that all public officials, elected and appointed, are too old to hold public office, and all those people barred from jobs through age limitations should join together and vote against all candidates for all offices who are past 45 years of age. And this could work out that way.

I am glad, however, to be back in my native state, and having lived in the West where people call a spade a spade, you will hear much more from me every time I run into a situation that I think is unjust and let the shoe fit whoever wants to wear it. —BILL WILLIAMSON SR.

Reds Are Laughing Up Their Sleeves

Editors: The News' I HAVE heard a lot of talk about the Communists being behind the federal government's efforts to desegregate the public schools of the South. I don't know whether that is true or not, but I do feel that the Communists are egging the extremists on. They are the ones who are going to profit from racial integration. They must be laughing up their sleeves at the way southerners are behaving. —S. L. WINKLER