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Little Rock: The Theme Is Rebellion

SINCE IT began with the mustering of the Arkansas National Guard, the Little Rock crisis has been marked by a sinister undertone of rebellion.
Yesterday, as a mob attacked Central High School, rebellion became the dominant theme of the crisis. Trampled underfoot, temporarily at least, was the authority of federal courts and the elected officials of Little Rock. The fury of the mob was great. It will reverberate widely and, if not silenced, disastrously for the nation. Disaster loomed large in President Eisenhower's proclamation clearing the way for possible use of federal troops in Arkansas.

At one extreme of the segregation spectrum, there will be heavy elation and speculation that sustained threats of violence, backed by the willingness to produce it on occasion, can effectively over-rule duly constituted authority. At the other extreme, there will be self-righteous assent to the theory that this sort of conduct ought to be put down—by federal bayonets if necessary. At the middle, among what Judge Fred Helms has called the great, multi-race of southern moderates, the emotion probably is a mixture of grief and indignation.
Certainly that should be the reaction. For the extremists—with the indispensable aid of Gov. Orval Faubus—have now succeeded in smashing down many of the fragile bridges built over a sea of social unrest by men of patience, good will and courage. These are the compromisers—the object of epithets from the extremes who remain the mainstay of hopes and prayers for a peaceful and sane resolution of a tortuous problem. The moderate attitudes for which the compromisers are damned was reflected in a recent speech by Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee:
"I can't say I don't like what I've always known (segregation). I've been brought up in a segregated state and sent to segregated schools. But preference before a moot question in the face of duty. In addition to being educated in a segregated school, I was reared in a Christian home. When I put my hand on that Bible and swore to uphold the Con-

stitution I don't think the Lord God Almighty expected me to do anything else. I will uphold the law and protect the rights of every citizen of every creed and color in Tennessee."
Gov. Clement needn't be credited with any more sincerity than any other governor or, for that matter, the extremists. Sincerity is an abundant supply on all sides of the segregation controversy, barring the Kasperlies and other professional rabble-rousers. It is not sincerity—but wisdom—that the South needs from its leaders. Maintenance of the law's supremacy is the very least that should be expected from them.

The difference between Tennessee and Arkansas is striking. In Tennessee, where there were mobs, there is peace. In Arkansas, where there was peace, there are mobs.
Gov. Faubus, of course, claims that violence was inevitable. In yesterday's rioting, he finds proof for his contention that he was right in calling out the National Guard and thwarting orders of a federal court and plans of Little Rock's school board.

A mob is no place to find proof of anything. The courtroom is the place for offering proofs in an orderly society. Gov. Faubus avoided the courtroom where sensible southerners had hoped his evidence would be offered and the issue resolved. Now it is quite impossible to say whether he did or did not have grounds for calling the National Guard onto a peaceful scene.

The only proof available is the proof of the piddin'. That shows that Orval Faubus failed in his self-described role as a peacemaker. It also shows that the tactics of the compromisers—those who are attempting inch by inch to build bridges between ancient custom and modern law—has been made infinitely more difficult.

Despite this, the compromisers and the moderate school boards must persevere. It was they who have held the nation together except for the disastrous separation of the 1860s. It is they who must hold it together in the 1950s.

Crucial Time Is Just Beginning In Arkansas Crisis

By STEWART ALSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gov. Orval Faubus, in his Friday night radio speech, spoke many fine words about "preserving the peace." But he was also at pains to make it very clear that, if the peace were not preserved, it would not be his fault. "Now that my authority to preserve and maintain the peace and good order of this community has been so curtailed, I can only offer a fervent prayer that the same thing will not happen here that has happened in other states in recent days."



JUDGE RONALD DAVIES Support Was Sufficient

A CLEAR FACT
However fervent Gov. Faubus' prayers may be, one fact is entirely clear. There was just one way in which his original order to prevent integration could appear to be justified. That was by serious disorder in Little Rock.

Another fact is just as clear. If violence occurs in Little Rock, and if as a result the Negro children are prevented, by whatever means, from entering the schools, the cause of the disorder is Little Rock.

Gov. ORVAL FAUBUS
Fervency Vs. Fact

Wall Street Journal reported that our government asked Saudi Arabia for suggestions on what the U.S. could do to help and the King suggested a vast bathhouse for pilgrims on their way to Mecca. The bathhouse was to cost around \$300,000, which included some steam sterilizers for robes and prayer rugs. A site was chosen, work was begun, and then the project was abandoned when F.O.A. technicians discovered that there wasn't enough water to run the sterilizers.

VERY SIMPLE PLAN
The Mansfield Plan is very simple. Violence or the threat of violence is generated in a town in which schools are due to be integrated. The local or state police authority is designated to preserve order. Order is preserved by returning the Negro children to Negro schools and keeping them there.

But the Mansfield Plan is not only simple but very dangerous. Unlike other southern plans to resist integration by various legal devices, the Mansfield Plan is based on violence or the threat of violence to resist the Supreme Court decision and the federal authority. A widespread segregationist strategy based on violence, and continued for years, is about as ugly a prospect as can be imagined.

southerners (who are northerners are apt to forget, most sincerely convinced that integration is profoundly wrong) prefer legal means to resist integration. But if violence breaks in Little Rock, there will be a strong impulse throughout the South to accept a strategy based on violence.

This a great deal depends on what happens in the next few days in Little Rock. Among other things, the political power and prestige of the President of the United States may be at stake in Little Rock.

The President's prestige has already been hurt by his handling of the crisis. For the public image which has emerged, of the President enjoying a galling vacation amid the decaying splendors of Newport during the gravest constitutional crisis in many decades, has not been a happy one.

This public image has unquestionably done the President and his party a lot of harm at home especially among Negro voters, and it has done the United States no good abroad.

Yet, although it is hard to see any good justification for the President's remaining in Newport during the crisis, in fairness it must be said that his reaction to the crisis has been neither indifferent nor irrational.

FREE REIN
He gave the Justice Department free rein to use all the power of the federal government to support Federal Judge Ronald Davies in his battle with Faubus, and the Justice Department has done an efficient and effective job. At the same time, the President himself deliberately adopted a mild and conciliatory tone. His purpose has been to avoid a showdown which would have terribly damaging consequences. The President had



Ike Amid 'The Decoying Splendor'

prestige of the federal government, that the President shed the role of amiable vacationist, and assume the role of resolute national leader in time of crisis. For if the worst comes to the worst in Little Rock, resolute national leadership may be badly needed, to avert the ugly prospect of widespread violence throughout the South for years to come.

Excellent reason, until a few days ago, to believe that Faubus would accept a face-saving settlement. One wonders if the fancy offer of plates is sufficient to fill the fancy offer of plates.

—D. EMIS
P. S. An afterthought. Imagine what would happen to a Saudian kitchen slave who drops a plate.

He Who Pays Piper Gets To Name Tune
Pittsburg

THE EDITORIAL page of your paper is usually logical and conservative, but you have gone off badly in your editorial of Sept. 2 when you complain in evaluating the accomplishment of the Congress just closed of the fact that it failed to grant federal aid to schools. You know full well that the man who pays the piper is going to name the tune. This is as true and basic as the science of gravitation.

If Uncle Sam would let the money stay where it is earned, we would not need any federal aid. We send our tax money to Washington and we are all right lucky if 50 per cent of it ever gets back to us who earned it.

I see a turn in the thinking of the people of this country. We are now getting back to the U. S. Constitution and its limitation on the levy and collection of taxes, viz., to pay the debts of the United States, provide for the common defense and promotion of the general welfare of the American people, not the welfare of all the peoples throughout the earth. And finally, I believe I can see something that makes sense coming out of Washington.

The science of government is complicated. It is true, but it should be possible to apply it so as to make some sense, which has not been done in the last 50 years, the period during which I have been a very close observer.

— JOHN W. HESTER

Quote, Unquote
"Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot."—Josh Billings.

More queer. They have to be misunderstood makes them funny."—Edgar Allan Poe.

"A husband should tell his wife everything that he is sure she will find out, and before during which I does."—Thomas Robert Dewar.

Charlotte School Officials Led Wisely And Well

Atlanta, Ga.
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London's BBC publication, "The Listener," described two orders of unusual interest which are being carried out by the manufacturers of Crown Derby China.

The set consisted of six different plates for each of three dozen people, and a host of other dishes, including eight utensils each capable of holding 500 parts of soup, and huge bowls designed to take about 25 pounds of rice.

plus half a sheep." The article further describes that each piece of the royal dinner service was embellished with the royal cipher of crossed scimitars over a palm tree and each piece ordered had wide rims with a cobalt border with tremendous amounts of pure gold design. In true English craftsmanship the gold is applied by brush and on each piece are scores of little gold dots no bigger than a pin head, each raised carefully by hand.

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Everyone Helps Misname A Bypass

MOST Mecklenburgers simply prefer to stand on the sidewalk and gawk while their chiefs of government fight out the Battle of Naming the Highway 29 Bypass.

At times like these, with nomenclature flying through the air like shrapnel, it is safe to venture off in the before you can say "Be it resolved." Abracadabra Lane can be transformed into West Whangdoon Drive and six or seven more Pine Streets will turn up like spring mushrooms to compound the chaos.

City Councilmen claimed and named the bypass first. Give them credit for that. Their selection was "Kirkpatrick Blvd."

Then came the counterattack. Councilmen to the right of them, councilmen to the left of them, into the valley of the compromise—the commissioners. They decided their claim, promptly naming the by-pass "Mecklenburg Blvd."

But in stealing the Council's thunder, commissioners also picked up that tiresome old habit of duplicating street names already in use. Naturally, there is already a Mecklenburg St. There is also a Mecklenburg Ave.

As might be expected, there is already a Kirkpatrick Rd., too.

For all we know, the state will probably come along now and decide to call it U. S. 1.

Jean Sibelius: The Sorrow Is Shared

CHARLOTTEANS, who knew Jean Sibelius only through his music, nevertheless shared a measure of Finland's sorrow last weekend when they learned of the great composer's death.

To the Finns, Sibelius was a flaming patriot and spiritual leader as well as a master symphonist. His music was nationalistic in the truest meaning of the word. But its brooding majesty and the manner in which it reflected a whole people's love of liberty made it a part of all mankind's cultural heritage. It became human property.

When Sibelius reached 90 in 1955, an anonymous TIME critic took a dim view of the famous composer's declining in the world of serious music. He wrote: "His music is heavy enough to sound profound—something like the work of a rural and obstinate Brahms. It seemed

revolutionary in the 1900s, daring in the 20s, old-fashioned in the 30s."

By the same measure, Beethoven might be dismissed as "old-fashioned" because listeners learned to enjoy what they once considered "Ludwig's lunacy" and Mozart might be shrugged off as merely an urban and obstinate Purcell. The values of great art are not transitory. They do not wear out or become old-fashioned on another occasion or in another setting.

Sibelius' big, craggy symphonies and tone poems were enriched with the materials of high art. They transmitted his love of northern landscapes and of freedom to the ears of his age. He was one of the giants of music, a distinguished composer working in the great tradition. His music will live through the ages. His loss will be felt by all who listen.

Aid To King Saud Inspires Some Awl

CONSIDERABLE mystery envelops the American aid project to Saudi Arabia. A recent report by our government disclosed that a grant in the sum of \$25 million for economic assistance was given to King Saud, the

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editors' Note: While Drew Pearson is touring the Mediterranean, his column is being written by his junior partner, Jack Anderson.

House Subcommittee Investigating Tobacco-Cancer Connection

WASHINGTON
THE House subcommittee which has been investigating the tobacco-cancer connection will definitely crack down on cigarette advertising.

A Duty

All except the Mutual Broadcasting System turned her down on the excuse that their news programs had already covered the public health findings. However, Mrs. Griffiths hasn't given up. She believes the networks have a duty to the public as well as to their commercial sponsors.

Meanwhile, another committee member, Congressman Martha Griffiths (D-



Mich.) has asked the radio-television networks to offset their tobacco advertising by telling the other side of the story. She wrote identical letters to the four big networks, which make millions from cigarette commercials.

"It is respectfully requested," she wrote, "that you authorize public service time on your network—radio and TV—for the United States Public Health Service to present its findings to the American public on the relation of smoking to lung cancer."

First Step

Moon or bust—The Air Force's plan to shoot a research rocket 4,000 miles into space will be a preliminary jump toward the moon. The Ford-built rocket will be launched from a balloon 20 miles above Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific. By beef-

News Nuggets

Pocketbook pressure—The White House tries to bring financial pressure on Gov. Orval Faubus to settle the segregation crisis in Arkansas. So confided presidential spokesman Jim Hagerty the other day to friends. Ear-witnesses quote it as saying the White House counted on his big-business connections to break Faubus' resistance. Here's how it was supposed to work: He's a Arkansas businessman would bear down on Arkansas business who could influence Faubus.

Deep Trouble

No pessimism allowed—Secretary of State Dulles has hushed up trouble-shooter Loy Henderson's gloomy report on the Middle East. To disclose Henderson's findings, Dulles told subordinates, would only publicize Soviet successes. The public has a right to know, however, what Henderson reported. He warned that our three staunch allies in the Arab world—Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon—are in grave danger of being overthrown by the Soviet-Syrian-Egyptian underground. Unless the United States acts urgently, he said, the West will wake up to find Russia firmly entrenched in the Middle East in a position to choke off oil to the West.

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ing up the rocket and using a larger balloon. Pentagon scientists hope to send the rocket the full 238,000 miles to the moon. They believe they can deliver scientific instruments on the moon by the end of next year.

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ET UX

ET UX is a Latin phrase meaning "and wife." Husbands have been getting away with murder for years. And it all started in the ancient past when the guy who invented Latin made up a shorter word for "wife" than wife. He probably said, "Boys, let's call the girls we're married to 'uxes.'" "Ux," he probably added, "is a good, short word; it doesn't mean anything, and we can snap it out real sharp when we want 'em to do something. How's this sound, 'Ux! Mend my toga!'"

Through the years, it became commonplace to refer to a wife as "ux" because it's a short word. With all due respect to the legal profession of today—men whom we regard respectfully—they are woefully behind the times with reference to our wives. Just imagine one lawyer calling another, and saying, "John Doe and his beautiful ux were in here today, and signed the papers so that your client and his ux can move into the house tomorrow."

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