



In Court-Ordered Desegregation Plan Colbert Proposes School Zone Changes

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Around The World

Agnew To Australia

Vice President Agnew flies to Australia, with anti-war demonstrators likely to dog his steps there.

Renews Commitment

Lebanon's premier renews his government's commitment to the agreement with the Palestinian guerrillas and announces plans to strengthen defenses along the Israeli border.

Accepts Surrender

Nigeria's chief of state accepts Biafra's surrender, promises a general amnesty and calls for talks to work out terms. Relief plans mark time.

Across The Nation

Hearings Scheduled

Amid increasing controversy, U.S. Senate hearings are scheduled to begin Wednesday on whether American women are being adequately informed about hazards of the Pill.

Chilling Account

Congress hears a chilling account of potential environmental disaster from air and water pollution caused by the nation's increasing need for electricity.

Second Thoughts

Colorado became the first state to liberalize its abortion laws three years ago. Now, after 1,500 legal abortions, the law is under attack from some of its former supporters.

Test Of Pledge

The FBI's persistent technical problems present a test of President Nixon's 1968 campaign pledge to make the plane "into one of the foundations of our national security."

Aided Violence

A study prepared for the National Violence Commission contends the news media contributes to violence in America by failing to report thoroughly on the social problems that lead to forceful confrontations.

No Fatal Blow

Private school officials say denial of income tax benefits for three years would be a blow — but not a fatal one — to the hundreds of such institutions mushrooming across the South to avoid integration.

About Alabama

Trial Continues

The bribery trial of State Sen. Ray Lollig continued today in Montgomery County Circuit.

Services Are Set

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Carter Mays, the coach who directed his Wadley, Ala., high school football team from a stretcher after developing cancer.

Inside Today

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By BOB STANSELL

New Editor
The Colbert County Board of Education has submitted a desegregation plan to the federal court. The board has a modified court plan for a modified version of freedom of choice, while striking students from Sheffield, Tuscumbia and Muscle Shoals from its rolls. A federal court last October had ordered the board to submit a plan observing the dual school system by January 13. The plan which substantially increases the number of Negro students attending integrated

schools, was outlined last night by Superintendent of Education David Brown.

The Colbert board is asking the court to approve the establishment of three school attendance zones, with students having freedom of choice in their respective zones. Students would be required to choose schools in the zone in which they reside.

Attendance zones generally are being approved state-wide in the constitutional amendment elections last December.

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an north and south, dividing the county into east, central, and west zones.

Sheffield, Tuscumbia and Muscle Shoals are excluded from the divisions. The board said it felt that refusing admittance for students in the three cities is necessary to relieve crowded conditions at several of the county schools.

Brown estimated that from 200-300 students from the three cities are now attending schools in the county system.

It was pointed out that approximately 28 per cent of the county's Negro students are now attending integrated schools, while the number would jump to 40 per cent under the zone setup.

High School students in two of the zones, west and central, actually would have no choice as to which school they attend. Both zones have only one high school, Cherokee in the west, and Colbert Heights in the central division.

Probably the largest shift if students will be to Colbert Heights, which will draw students from the Hawk Pride Mountain area and along the eastern border of the east zone.

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BRANDON FINANCING SET — Members of the Florence City Commission from left to right, Jim Hall, Bill Batson and Bill Mapes, along with School Board Attorney Bert Haltom and City Attorney Arnold Teks, get together today in assuring funds for the long term financing of the new Brandon School complex in East Florence. The city gave the board a letter of intent for \$96,000 a year ago to amortize bonds for the construction. (Staff Photo)

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Work Set Brandon Contract Awarded

By MEL NEWMAN
Staff Reporter

Acting just before a second deadline expired, Florence city officials this morning signed a contract for the construction of a \$1 million Brandon School.

City School Superintendent Dr. Joseph Blackston said construction was expected to begin almost immediately. The school will feature a circular "pod" arrangement and is expected to cost over \$700,000.

Equipping and installation of the portable walls will run the cost to the \$1 million figure.

The city has not sold the bonds for the funding of the building but is expected to do so sometime soon. City officials said they would place the bonds whenever their fiscal agent advises them it is the best time.

The city has committed itself for payment of \$96,000 annually for 20 years to amortize the bonds.

The school board has twice asked the city to bid on the project for extensions for signing the contract while the city and the school board negotiated the amount the city would give for funding the bonds. The second extension expired today.

The school board was reluctant to proceed with the building because the city insisted that \$50,000 annually appropriated for the school system be included in the \$96,000 total. Some board members saw that as further tightening the purse strings.

Money to meet the deficits is being expended from a surplus the board had accumulated in prior years.

City Commissioner facing the same budget squeeze the school board is, resisted efforts to have the \$96,000 appropriated over and over at an annual \$50,000 appropriation.

Both sides recently agreed to go ahead with the building despite what the city felt was an unfavorable bond market and the board felt was not enough money because of anticipated increases in construction costs if the project were delayed for any appreciable length of time.

Signing of the contract came after the regular city commission meeting, with City Superintendent Dr. Joseph Blackston and other school officials in attendance.

J. M. Massey Construction Co. holds the contract. The school is expected to be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the 1971 school year.

In other action the commission named attorney Bob Richards as prosecutor in city recorder's court. Richards, a member of the firm of Rogers and Tyree, replaces William T. Musgrove and Robert W. Walker. The pair had held the appointment jointly and resigned citing the press of personal business.

Named to the Board of Zoning Adjustments was Earl Nelson. He replaces Tom McGough who resigned.

Takara Nelson's place on the supermajority zoning board will be Arnold Hill. John Robert Oliver will replace Jimmy Johnson on the supermajority board.

Johnson resigned because he was named to the Zoning Commission.

Day Into Day

Forgive us, Lord, when we succumb to experience. When we employ our lives in taming visions, hobbling dreams, and muzzling hopes, then teach us to be prayerful instead of practical in faith.

During Campaign

F11 Problems To Test Nixon Word

WASHINGTON (AP) — The F11's persistent technical problems apparently will test President Nixon's 1968 campaign pledge to make the plane "into one of the foundations of our national security."

The three-candidate's comment was recalled over the weekend when Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird raised the possibility that future F11 production may be canceled.

Fifteen F11's have crashed, the latest in December, from reasons ranging from construction flaws to pilot error.

The Air Force said Monday the December accident that killed two crewmen resulted from faulty site, which caused a wing to break off near the fuselage.

It was Nov. 1, 1968, the eve of the presidential election, when Nixon publicly endorsed the

F11 program while campaigning in Texas where the General Dynamics Company builds the plane.

The new plane was a continuing problem for the Democrats facing accusations that former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara overrode the military by awarding the multi-billion-dollar contract to General Dynamics rather than Boeing of Seattle, Wash.

Mechanical bugs have continued to plague the F11's but has been given the go-ahead for the fourth wing or before the fourth wing.

The Air Force would like to buy more than 500 F11's but has been given the go-ahead for 223 in the inventory after the 15 crashes.

Advises Laird is likely to depend solely on the Air Force's recommendation on whether to continue future F11 production.

In Colorado

Legal Abortions Aren't Working As Anticipated

By LOUDON KELLY

DENVER (AP) — Nearly three years ago Colorado became the first state to liberalize its law governing legal abortions under approved medical conditions.

Since then more than 1,500 women have had Colorado operations to end pregnancies. But now the law is under attack from some legislators, doctors and other authorities who favored it at the time it became effective April 26, 1967.

We tried to change a cruel, outdated, inhuman law, said State Rep. Richard Larum of Denver, who led the fight for the abortion bill. And what we got was a cruel, outdated, inhuman law.

Larum said 19 of every 20 women who seek a legal abortion in Colorado are refused.

We force them either to have the baby or to have an illegal abortion, he said.

It is a tragedy that won't end until we eliminate all laws on abortion and make it a private matter between a woman and her physician.

Nothing could be done before next year at the earliest since the present legislative session deals only with items on the governor's call. Abortion isn't one of them.

Dr. Ben C. Williams of Denver says doctors were actually being off under the old law. He is associate clinical profes-

sor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Colorado Medical Center.

All the new law did was put up a medical problem to politicians, Dr. Williams said, and make doctors and hospitals so nervous that in 1967 we did fewer abortions on medical grounds than we did before the new law.

Dr. E. N. Akers, director of child health services at the Colorado Health Department, said the law "has not done what we had hoped it would do—it has not even down the percentage of illegal abortions."

Akers added that if the law were changed to make a legal abortion a patient-doctor matter entirely, "we wouldn't have the hospital facilities to handle the flood of such operations."

The new law allows a woman to seek an abortion if her mental or physical health is in danger if she has become pregnant through rape or incest, or if there is a chance the infant might be born deformed. The old law permitted an abortion only if a doctor felt his patient might die otherwise.

The health department said 1,447 legal abortions were reported between the date the law took effect and last Nov. 30, the latest available figures. Of these 314 were women from 37 states other than Colorado.

MARSHALS, USHERS NAMED

Marshals and ushers selected for the Jan. 24 commencement at Florence State University include, from left, (first row) Nancy Geise, Tuscumbia; Charlotte Hugen, Florence; Sandra Vaughn, Sheffield; (second row) Brenda Mastersom, Russellville; Kaye Martin, Florence; Jeannette Wallace, Cherokee; Nellie Hovatter, Russellville; Jimmy Sull Dollar, Haleyville; (third row) Gene Stovall, Decatur; Robert Porter, Lexington; Harry Miller, Florence; Jimmy Lindberg, Montgomery; James Henderson, Florence; Eanny Killen, Florence; and James Stovall, Florence. All are ushers with the exception of Killen and Miller, who are marshals. Not pictured are ushers Kip Newton, Muscle Shoals; Ray Clemmons, Killen; and Gano Smith, Florence.



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