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## Ike And Republican Congressmen Change On Civil Rights

**By Congressman Abernathy**  
When Congress convened a year ago, Republicans actually heard out their big gun—Eisenhower. In his State-of-the-Union message he berated the conduct of Southern whites and demanded that Congress take action against them.

One year later, what a contrast! Northern Congressmen actually heard the appearance being ashamed of their previous conduct. And so does Ike. There is some mouthing about a stronger Civil Rights bill, but it gets no attention.

As the President stumbled through his State-of-the-Union message, he did not make one single reference to Civil Rights, race, creed, color or integrated schools. He made no bend whatever to color and religious minorities who for years have bailed monotonously away from Civil Rights. The President's omission of the subject from his three-quarter hour speech was nothing short of a patent omission that he had goofed on the Little Rock.

In the past, Eisenhower has always had to look to non-partisan Southern leaders to pull his legislative chestnuts from the fire. He could depend on these Southerners to fill the vacuum left by Old Guard Republicans who never give him more than spasmodic support.

But with soldiers marching through the halls and over the grounds of a Southern school and drawing blood from an innocent bystander with a gun but it just sort of leaves the once glamorous Ike in a bad fix. He suspects they are not going to let him forget his stupid action.

For a long, long time now the glamour has been wiped from the Eisenhower look. His popularity has dipped North, East, South and West. He has gained the dubious distinction of being the biggest spender in peacetime history. He is the only President to seek a raise of the national debt limit in a time of prosperity and very soon he probably will seek the second raise.

In occupying Little Rock he permitted himself to be dumped into the limbo position of an ordinary politician. Closing his eyes to the fact that he was the first Republican presidential candidate to receive a majority of the popular vote in the South, he fell for the Brownell-Nixon-Adams plan to sacrifice the South for black votes in New York, New Jersey and other Northern States. He saw and heard Republican candidates appeal to negroes in the East last fall with the argument that Republicans ordered the occupation of Little Rock and if elected "will do it again." By his silence he gave assent to this low-level campaigning.

The shocker came when negroes risen to haunt him Little Rock was again voted Democratic. Ike and his political "floppiness"...

### INCOME TAX FACT

Do you have some bills that you are never going to collect. If so, let's take some action now to show that they are uncollectible and claim them on this year's tax return.

Loans to relatives or friends can be deducted as bad debts. However, they are always given very close scrutiny in 1957 or extended January 1, 1957 to prove the money was in fact a loan. You may have made every reasonable effort to collect and that it was in no way share or gift.

You cannot get a bad debt deduction simply because you do not choose to collect. Turn those bad accounts over to your attorney or collection agency for action. Do it now. You want to deduct the bad debts this year.

Your bad debts are deductible if: (1) A valid debt actually was incurred in 1957 or extended January 1, 1957 and something happened in 1957 that made you believe the debt never will be collected.

(2) The amount of the bad debt must have been included in your income or been a part of your capital loss. You cannot have a deduction for uncollectible wages, fees, rents, etc. If you are a merchant and have a bad debt arising from sales or services, you cannot deduct the bad debt unless you have included the sale in income.

If you are in business your business bad debts are deducted together with your other business costs, on Schedule C of the tax return.

If your bad debt is a personal debt the deduction is made on separate Schedule D of the tax return. Such losses cannot be deducted from other income in an amount over \$1,000 per year. However, they can be deducted from capital gains in any amount.

If you have a bad debt loss of more than \$1,000, take \$1,000 this year and carry a balance over to 1958. You can deduct \$1,000 per year for the next five years, if your loss amounts to that much. You can take it all in any year that you can deduct it from your capital gains.

### GOOD COTTONSEED FOR 1958 WILL BE SCARCE

Auburn, Ala. — The cottonseed situation facing farmers over the South-east this year isn't promising. In making a report on the '58 outlook, Seed Crops Specialist Melvin Koerner said that the supply of good, high-quality, high-ginning cottonseed from the 1956 crop and many individuals saved their own supply of planting stock.

Flour dampened by humid weather can be dried by pouring it onto a pin and slipping it into a slow oven for a few minutes.

Republican candidates had been duped into a snipe hunt.

So, it is no surprise that Eisenhower or completely ignored the pressure of his speech to Congress. He probably wishes he had never heard of Little Rock or Civil Rights. The black spot which he smeared on the South during the black year of 1957 in an effort to gain black votes for his Republican candidates has risen to haunt him Little Rock was again voted Democratic. Ike and his political "floppiness"...

### EDITORIAL GRIST

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. — Proverbs 1:7.

This may be a good time to save your money.

Little people, given a little authority, become big problems.

If you are afraid of the minister wear a disguise to church.

Editors are humans, they make mistakes like everyone else.

The year 1958, like 1938 could be the year before the storm breaks.

### I WONDER WHY?

I wonder why do preachers preach and writers write and teachers teach about a cabin in the sky that will be mine come by and by. Why don't they preach and write and teach about the things within our reach and tell us that the works of God we'll find right in our own back yard, where women laugh and children play and peaceful calm greets end of day. I do not go to church to learn that if I'm not good some day I'll burn. Nor do I go because of sin, but as one goes to see a friend, My friend does not lecture me about the man that I should be, and seek to theorize his views about my so-called P's and Q's. Why don't they preach and write and teach of human problems facing each and put less emphasis on sin and more on love for fellowmen. It seems to me they'd serve their work to make things better here on earth, and I think He'd want it so we had boot-training here below. Then when Gabriel's trumpet toots, He'll get real soldiers, not recruits. — Jep Greer in the Sylacuga News.

### THE PRESIDENT'S SPEAKING

President Dwight D. Eisenhower has spoken in person on television several times since his return from Paris. In seeing and hearing him, one of the things that interested millions of Americans was learning whether his recent speech impairment had had any permanent effect.

To the surprise of many and to the delight of all, it was quite apparent in the President's last appearances that his speech was not impaired. He will be remembered that the White House admitted, even several days after the President's speech, that Mr. Eisenhower was still having difficulty pronouncing certain long words.

If he is still having difficulty it must be minor indeed, and if there are certain words he finds it difficult to pronounce, they must not have been included in his recent speeches.

And in these speeches the President has used words tricky enough to discommoderate some of the glibest tongues in public life. But he has gone through them without a hitch. The conclusion must be that the President is completely recovered from this impairment, or so much so that it would not be noticed by anyone not looking for only slight trace of the earlier trouble. This answers a big question in the minds of the American people and adds up to good news to both Democrats and Republicans.

### THE COURT UNDER FIRE

The ground swell of opposition to the maneuverings of the U. S. Supreme Court is increasing. Evidence of this is a strong series of editorials by the Indianapolis Star, in Indiana, which are being circulated around the country.

The cardinal principle and foundation belief of the Indianapolis Star (and many other editors and jurists) is that the Supreme Court does not have power to make the "supreme law of the land." Moreover, it does not believe that the Supreme law is whatever the Court says it is.

In many recent decisions, the highest Court has changed both the U. S. Constitution and the law of the land without authority. Congress, under the power invested in it by the Constitution, has the power to limit, restrict and change the authority of the Supreme Court in order to require it to conform to the Constitution and to law. It should do so.

These are the sentiments ably expressed in the editorials of the Indianapolis Star, and which are now being circulated to members of Congress, editors, and to the Supreme Court justices themselves by publisher Eugene C. Pulliam.

A number of Americans believe that, on the basis of numerous decisions in recent years, the Supreme Court has actually become a "run-away court." Most of its members are not jurists, or have had little judicial experience, and therefore the departure of the present U. S. Supreme Court and the path of its predecessors becomes disturbing and even alarming, and contrary to the best interests of the United States.

### FUNERAL OF JAMES C. CARTER HELD MONDAY

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Brick for James Clyde Carter, 76.

Mr. Carter died Saturday morning following a long illness.

Rev. S. T. Byars and Rev. Ellice Nugent officiated at the services.

Burial was in Old Brick cemetery. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Cleo Carter, two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Gargis, Mrs. Fred Phelps, both of Sheffield, Route 1, two sisters, Mrs. Alma LeMay, Florence, and Mrs. Owen Whitlock, Sheffield, Route 1; two brothers, C. B. Carter, Tuscum-son, Birmingham, Memphis; a son, William T. Carter, Memphis; a son, resident requirements for voting granddaughters, Mrs. Robert H. Freeman, Birmingham, two great grandsons, Robert H. Freeman, Jr., and William C. Freeman, both of Birmingham, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Full Bearers were Jack Thompson, Richard A. King, Malcolm Gargis, James Dodson, Wilmer Whitlock, Owen Whitlock, Jr., and Howard Whitlock, Jr.

Mr. Carter was a native and lifelong resident of the Brick community. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and an elder in the Church.

To remove rust stains, first soak the spot in lemon juice, then cover with salt and let stand in the sun for several hours. Rinse thoroughly.

The gloss on white paint can be preserved by washing the wood with milk and a little soap.

### COLBERT COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS NOW IN SESSION

The Colbert County Board of Registrars is in session, and will convene through January 30. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day with the exception of Saturdays when the office will close at 12 noon.

The Chairman of the Board is Owen J. Whitlock and his associates are George W. Cantrell of Littleville and Myrtle W. Little of Sheffield.

The Board wishes to stress that anyone who hasn't reidentified himself should do so in order to be able to vote in the May primaries. They also request that any qualified person who is eligible to register to do so. Resident requirements for voting are as follows: 2 years in the county, and 3 months in the precinct. Persons who have met these requirements may register, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The Board would like to make Colbert County 100% with every eligible person registered.

Miss Gloria Smith of Anniston, who is enrolled at API, was the recent guest of Mrs. Jeannette Brown.

Miss Jeannie Creel and Jimmy Creel, who are in college at Auburn, were recent visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Creel on Wheeler Highway.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

## Telephone Growth In Tri-Cities Exceed State's Average

President Franklin D. Roosevelt visits Muscle Shoals and promises full development of the project to thousands gathered at the depot in Sheffield to welcome him. He is introduced by J. H. Boyd and F. A. Reynolds, general contractor of Detroit, is successful bidder on the Tuscumson-Deatur road begins work and proposes to have it complete by June 5. The Muscle Shoals Lumber Corporation, headed by Harry Danby, begins activities. Jesse (Shammy) Gambill is recovering from a recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flippen announce the arrival of a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blake of Mississippi visit relatives here. Miss Rosemary Cohen returns from Auburn where she attended the mid-term dances. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hancy of Birmingham visiting Mrs. J. T. Haney, Martha Ann, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Cooper improving following a recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Neyman announce the birth of a daughter, naming her Sara Nell. B. C. Morrison improving at the Colbert County hospital. Mrs. Annie Hammon, Misses Marie and Sude Palmer Harrington visit Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrington in Memphis. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Jr. and daughter, Charlotte return to their home in Memphis after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell and Col. Mrs. Americanus Mitchell. Mrs. H. H. Delony hostess to the Matrons' Card Club when Mrs. Sam Leggett was prize winner. Mrs. L. E. Hamlet entertains for the Twentieth Century club. Mrs. J. W. Rutland hostess to the Helen Keller Library and Literary Association, the meeting opening with a business session conducted by Mrs. J. S. Hunt, later a program on Clean given by Mrs. Dent Carr and Mrs. S. Gregory. Mrs. Robert E. Hyde entertains members of her club. Mrs. W. T. Burkeff Leitnick club with Miss Vivian Leitnick the guest trophy, and extra guests being Mrs. Malcolm Carmichael, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mrs. W. L. Schmid, Mrs. Melville Burns, Misses Nina and Vivian Lettewh.

During the same period the number of telephones in the county's statewide system increased nearly 9.9% to bring the grand total in service in Alabama to 619,501. This is the largest number ever gained in one year in the Tri-Cities and in the State.

Frank Newton Southern Bell's vice president and general manager for Alabama, said the gains here and throughout the state were accomplished through a construction expenditure estimated at \$32,000,000.

Outstanding among the expansion and improvement programs throughout the state included the construction of additions to two Mobile central offices at a total cost of \$1,292,300, the erection of a new central office building in Decatur that cost \$663,000, and the conversion of the Decatur exchange to dial operation at an additional cost of \$2,429,000.

An \$850,000 project to expand television and telephone facilities between Montgomery and Birmingham during the year moved toward a completion date in early 1958. A seven tower radio relay route to be used for similar purposes in north Alabama costing some \$2,500,000 is in the final stages of completion.

Construction of new telephone lines in Alabama rural areas and additions to existing rural lines along with other outside rural plant expansion cost an estimated \$2,400,000.

By year-end the total number of Southern Bell exchanges in Alabama that had adopted the name-numeral telephone numbers necessary for participation in the inter-city dial network had increased to sixty. Another larger exchange getting the numbers in 1957 were Decatur, Montgomery and Birmingham.

### STILLS DESTROYED NEAR TUSCUMBIA

ABC Chief Earl Trull and Colbert County officers last week located and destroyed four whiskey stills, three of which were located in the Lane Kiln Hollow vicinity. Two of these were of 300-gallon capacity. The third had a 1000-gallon capacity.

A 300-gallon still was located in the Allshboro area near the Mississippi state line.

One of the stills at Lane Kiln was ready to run, another had recently been recharged and the other two were filled with spent whiskey mash.

Rub was on window sills, doors, work surfaces, and kitchen cabinets. It protects the finish and makes cleaning easier.

**THESE WOMEN!** By d'Alessio

"Now, here's the system . . . When you don't find it where it should be, or where it might be, you move the cabinet and look BEHIND IT!"

Mrs. E. J. Fairley (Mrs. Ends Earl) 1120 Fourth Court, West, Birmingham, Alabama, has been appointed "Statae Pollo Master of the Year."