

Colbert County Reporter

Race Ruling Is Challenged By 5 Southern States

With five Southern states holding legislative sessions, U. S. Supreme Court decisions against racial segregation are being challenged in a variety of proposals.

The little-known doctrine of interposition appears to be the major hope of many Dixie advocates in the South's traditional separation of races. Through it they seek to nullify the segregation decrees.

But legislators in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi and Virginia are pondering many other moves to maintain segregation. There appears to have been a slackening of litigation to force desegregation and activities — such as economic sanctions — designed to discourage integration supporters.

However, it is an irregular pattern, integration continues to encroach gradually upon the Deep South.

Sponsors of the interposition doctrine hold that the federal government has only such powers as have been surrendered by the states, that the states have never surrendered the right to operate segregated schools, and that the U. S. Supreme Court exceeded its authority in holding public school segregation illegal. Therefore, they contend, the states can interpose their sovereign power and declare the ruling to be void and of no effect.

Alabama has passed such a resolution, one is awaiting committee action in the South Carolina Legislature and one is ready for introduction in Georgia. In Virginia, a milder resolution, strongly protesting but not denying the court ruling, was introduced. Gov. Luther H. Hodges, who may call a special session of the North Carolina Legislature before next fall, also favors that possibility of curbing "assumption of authority" by the Supreme Court.

Interposition and other legislation to maintain segregation was discussed Tuesday at a meeting called by Virginia Gov. Thomas B. Stanley. Attending were governors Marvin Griffin of Georgia, J. P. Coleman of Mississippi, and George Bell Timmerman Jr. of South Carolina.

Georgia is moving toward a private school system. Administration wishes to close public schools which are forced to integrate and make direct grants to students were unanimously passed in the Senate. They will encounter House opposition, but passage there also seems assured.

Other legislation pending includes bills in Georgia and Mississippi to require separate transportation waiting rooms despite a recent Interstate Commerce Commission order; a Mississippi proposal which could bar out-of-state attorneys in segregation cases; a proposed Alabama "Freedom of choice" constitutional amendment to let parents say whether their children will attend integrated or segregated schools; and a South Carolina bill to remove the tax exemption on church property which is used for meetings by Communists or the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Herbert F. Moore sworn in as sheriff of Colbert county by Judge N. P. Tompkins. Miss Lucile Braswell speaks before the Rotary club on "Community Service," with Mayor E. S. Gregory in charge of the program.

In his inaugural address Governor B. M. Miller declares "Barnacles" must be removed from the ship of state. Robt. Simpson, Jr. installed as solicitor of the 11th judicial circuit, composed of Colbert, Lauderdale and Franklin. North Alabama Gas Company announces that it has secured space in the First National Bank, having abandoned its building on Main street.

Miss Lucile Braswell entertains the 411 club girls at luncheon at the chamber of commerce. Ralph Harris is a visitor from Cherokee. Dr. A. L. Rogers is spending a few days in Birmingham. Mrs. J. F. Landen is in Memphis. Miss Sallie Garlan is a visitor from Barlow. Miss Annie Sewell returns from a trip to Asheville, N. C. Mrs. Malcolm Carmichael and children, Jerry and Elizabeth Ann, guests of A. H. Cameron. Mrs. Lula Rowland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clyde DeVoe in Sistersville, Va. Dr. Humphrey Thompson is spending a vacation in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Howard return from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. James Tucker in Holly Springs. Mrs. W. J. Albert has returned to Tusculuma to reside from Birmingham. Lance Fossick, Nashville, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Womble. Mrs. C. A. Adyettele left for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Susie Monteth in St. Louis. W. Meade and Tom Burns called to Double Springs owing to the death of their mother. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Throckmorton return to their home in Memphis after a visit with relatives here. Mrs. Sam Leggett hostess to the Matrons Bridge Club.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD MEETING MAR. 18

The North Alabama Historical Association will hold its spring meeting March 18, 1956, at 3 p. m. at the Russell Erskine Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association held in Decatur plans for this meeting were laid.

The organizational meeting of the North Alabama Historical Association was held in the old State Bank Building in Decatur on December 4, 1955. A constitution was adopted and officers elected at that time. One hundred eighteen members were present. William H. Jenkins, Secretary, reported to the directors that thirty additional members had been accepted since the December meeting making a total of one hundred forty eight. Any one whose membership is accepted during January, 1956, will be considered a charter member of the Association.

Those present at the Board meeting in Decatur were: Walter M. Jackson, Decatur, President; Dr. Cary V. Stabler, Dean Florence State Teachers College, Vice-President; William H. Jenkins, Decatur, Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Joe Cooper, Huntsville, Director.

EDITORIAL GRIST

THANKS TO FOLSON

Gov. Folson to date has not received due credit for the part he played in luring the tremendous industrial expansion in the Tennessee Valley area by Reynolds Aluminum and Ford Motor Co. Some two weeks ago, in a joint statement, the two firms announced an expansion program in the Tri-Cities area (Florence, Sheffield and Tusculumba) of \$140,000,000 — the biggest single industry catch in Alabama's history.

As now proposed, Ford is to build a new plant to manufacture aluminum parts for automobiles, and Reynolds will expand its existing facilities to meet the Ford demands for aluminum.

The expansion of Reynolds and the new Ford plant are expected to provide employment for approximately 2,000 people, with salaries to average at a minimum of \$250 per month. This means a total annual of \$6,000,000.

Folson has never told the behind-the-scenes developments which brought the plants to Alabama, but this much is known — in a whirlwind campaign of about two weeks Alabama was able to snatch the plants out from under the nose of another state.

About a month ago Louis Reynolds met with Folson in the governor's office and told him without hesitation that the plants were to be built in the vicinity of Louisville, Ky.

Reynolds, who was in Montgomery to address a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, said the decision had been up to Ford, and they had selected the Kentucky site.

Folson refused to accept defeat, but instead assured Reynolds that Alabama had not given up on Louisville.

"We are going to sell you on Alabama," he told Reynolds, to which the latter replied, "you don't have to sell me, you've got to sell Ford."

This Folson set out to do, with the able backing of Sen. Lister Hill, several members of the Alabama congressional delegation, the Industrial Development Board and interested citizens.

Just how they went about this selling job is not known, but the record indicates they were remarkably successful. — Bob Ingram in the Montgomery Advertiser

NEW KIND OF CAPITALISM

In an article which appeared in The Freeman magazine some months ago Edward Maher said: "Millions of working people in the United States have reached an income level where they can become the owners of the enterprises they work for. This is the new kind of capitalism for the world to contemplate — capitalism for the many, not for the few. Communism or socialism will have a hard time matching it."

What has happened is that capitalism has really spread to the grass-roots. Millions upon millions of people are stockholders in American corporations. Most of them are people of average means, with average jobs and typical positions in their communities. And a potent force in this movement is the Monthly Investment Plan which allows the investor to buy stocks of his choosing by paying in as little as \$40 a quarter. If he drops his plan for any reason, he gets whatever amount of stock he paid for.

About 53,000 plans have been started and many have been completed. As of last November, there were 36,350 plans in force and if they are all completed the total investment will come to some \$91,000,000. And the number is growing each month.

What does this all mean? It means that ownership of American industry is passing into the hands of masses of representative American families — and that these families are providing money for our expanding economy and demands that is a trend with unlimited potentialities for the public good.

OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE

Startling to Alabamians of other areas is the fact that Huntsville in the Tennessee Valley is good and peevish with TVA. Throughout the populous and bustling region of the big river TVA has been from its beginning a source of local irritation.

Doomed was the politician who did not pay homage and dissenters whispered what they had to say far around the corner and said "Don't quote me."

Meanwhile the rest of the state pondered the good things that have come to the towns of the Tennessee Valley and were glad for their neighbors. They noted, however, that good things came in equal measure to other regions blessed with natural advantages and they also observed that they — like all other Americans — were paying taxes to support the giant governmental agency.

But now a rift in the lute.

Mayor R. B. Seary of Huntsville has kicked the TVA idol in the shins and spoke of it with sharp words.

It seems that the TVA flood control division has issued a report which declares the existence of a threat of serious floods in the market for new industries.

The city questions the report and is irked that a flood map of the Huntsville area has been recently published.

"If one division of TVA can so set, the other divisions can too," said Mayor Seary, "and my own personal feeling is that it boils down to this. That the flood control division's attitude is, 'We can do no wrong. This is how it's going to be, and if we don't like it, then it's just too bad.'"

In other words, Huntsville has discovered that there is always another side of the picture when a people lean too much on a government to do for them what others are doing for themselves. — The Talladega Daily Home

- The best shelter in an H-bomb attack is a good record.
- Education polishes good character and corrects the bad.
- Don't sit and wait for your ship to come in—give it a tug.
- A life is more precious than the time you'll save speeding.
- Risk little on the opinion of a man who has nothing to lose.
- Religion is one thing that is never worn out by everyday use.
- Well-arranged time is the surest mark of a well-arranged mind.
- Some people have faith in odd numbers—usually number one.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
How spiritual understanding of divine Love enables mankind to make the Golden Rule practical in daily living will be set forth a Christian Science services this Sunday.
Repeating the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Love" is the Golden Text of 1 John (4:12): "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

RETAIL SALES IN COLBERT \$2 MILLIONS
Retail sales in 1954 of 398 stores in Colbert County totaled \$22,068,000, according to preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This was an increase (*) of 38.5 percent over sales in 1948 of 424 stores at \$23,153,000. Stores with payroll in 1954 numbered 240, had 1,286 paid employees in November 1954, reported payroll of \$2,443,000, and accounted for sales of \$28,574,000. Proprietors of unincorporated businesses number 412.

SIXTEEN SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY MONTEVALLO

Montevallo, Ala. — A total of sixteen scholarships will be awarded to high school girls when Alabama College holds its annual scholarships competition, March 15, 16, and 17 on the Montevallo campus.

Plans for the annual event were revealed in an announcement made by Dean Iva Gibson, Chairman of the college's scholarships committee.

Twelve scholarships will be awarded in the "Honors Scholarships" competition. These scholarships cover full fixed charges for attendance, renewable for two additional years; and two cover one-half of the fixed charges renewable for one additional year. This year, the "Honors Scholarships" competition will also award eight tuition free scholarships for the freshman year.

"Honors Scholarships" competition will be held in two divisions. Students from high schools graduating fewer than 25 girls may compete in one group, and students from high schools graduating 25 or more girls may compete in another group.

In addition to the "Honors Scholarships" the College's School of Music and the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation are awarding two scholarships each.

One four-year scholarship and one year scholarship will be awarded for study in Alabama College's School of Music.

Two scholarships covering approximately one-half college expenses for the freshman year will be awarded for study in the College's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Application blanks for all sixteen scholarships and detailed information folders are in the hands of high school principals throughout Alabama. Deadline for all scholarship applications is February 15.

HD CLUB IS FORMED IN SPRING VALLEY

The Spring Valley Home Demonstration Club has been organized with Mrs. Wallace Rutland, president, and Mrs. C. D. Hitt, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 21, with an invitation extended to all interested women of the community to join the organization.

Ironing over buttons, zippers, and hooks is not only hard on the fasteners, but also scratches the plate of the iron.

Cordially yours,
C. L. BEARD, Chairman

Fund Raising Campaign Now On For M. S. C. Of C.

When Mr. Israel, President of the Muscle Shoals Chamber of Commerce for the year 1956, asked me to accept responsibility of the Budget, Finance, and Membership Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, I did so with the full understanding that I would require the full support of the Board of Directors at the first meeting of the Board on January 9th, this support was given most enthusiastically, with all of us realizing that we had just assumed our duty to the community.

In comparing our past operations financially with eleven other cities in Alabama of comparable size, one very important fact was revealed. The average \$1.28 per person, while the Muscle Shoals Chamber during the year 1955 was 56¢ per person. As these figures show, our Chamber fell far behind the average of other cities, and therefore has been unable to do the job that we know should and could be done if adequate finances were available.

In order to expand the Chamber's program and to keep the organization from existing on inadequate finances, your Board has taken the following action:

1. Change the minimum firm membership dues rate to \$24 per year, with one vote given for each multiple of \$24
2. Urge present members to maintain the same number of memberships they have been carrying in the past, on the basis of the new minimum rate.
3. Solicit the support of all firms who are not affiliated with the Chamber at the present time.

An all-out membership campaign is now underway and during the week you will be contacted by an individual who will solicit your cooperation in the support of your Chamber of Commerce. I urge each and every one of you to give this matter the serious thought that it deserves and assume your share of this financial endeavor, and by doing so, have the assurance that we will have an aggressive, efficient, and successful Chamber of Commerce.



ALABAMA'S POLIO MOTHER OF THE YEAR
Today Mrs. Jack Brunson, Elba, Alabama, was selected Polio Mother of the Year for the State of Alabama. This announcement was made by Ralph Kenamer, State Chairman of the March of Dimes.
Mrs. Brunson was stricken with polio on September 3, 1953, only four days following the date her four-year old daughter, Barbara, suffered an attack of polio. Both mother and daughter were admitted to Georgia Warm Springs Polio Center and dismissed May 7, 1954. Mrs. Brunson used a wheelchair for two years, but is now able to walk with the use of crutches. Even the crutches can be now laid aside part of the time in her home. Barbara is now entirely well.
Mr. Kenamer said, "Mrs. Jack Brunson exemplifies the courage and hope of hundreds of polio victims in Alabama." Mrs. Brunson, praised the March of Dimes for making her speedy recovery possible.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alesio



"It just wouldn't be fair to go steady with you, Romeo, with I'm already going steady with Ted and Bob!"