

Supreme Court's Decision Watched by U. S., World

THE SOUTH'S reaction to the Supreme Court decision concerning racial discrimination in public schools is keeping many persons in 17 states on their toes.

The answers from the high court, which may come next spring, will affect not only the five areas whose cases are being argued—South Carolina, Kansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Virginia—but other states which require completely or partly separate school systems for white and Negro children and four more where segregation is permitted.

Virginia's Attorney General, J. Lindsay Almond, believes a decision outlawing separate schools for the two races would "destroy the public school system in Virginia as

we know it today." Would that be bad?

Why should there be any discrimination in schools?

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., one of the pioneer supporters of President-elect Eisenhower, believes America must end discrimination and human indignities at home before it can lead the world to lasting peace. Lodge told leaders of Protestant churches recently at Denver, Colo.; "Work for an America that is strong militarily, economically and politically; support the United Nations; work to make it stronger; advance tolerance and human rights, encourage private American activity abroad and hold out to all of suffering humanity the hope of liberty.

"Our discriminations are not only in conflict with Christian ideals, but they are a real danger, to the success of our foreign policy."

At the heart of the argument before the highest judicial body is the 14th Amendment, which says all citizens must be treated equally. In 1869, the court gave its interpretation of the law saying separate treatment for Negroes was not unconstitutional so long as they received equal treatment.

Here in Texas, and many other states, the "separate but equal" doctrine has tried to exist and suffice. No court in the 56 years since has overturned that principle. Two years ago, the court ruled that Texas and Oklahoma must let Negroes into their graduate schools but again only on the grounds that Negro schools were not equal to those for whites.

Jim Crow laws on interstate buses and trains have been knocked out by the courts. What they will say in the coming months, no one can say. But to expect world peace and fair treatment of nations between each other, it is logical to assume that charity must begin at home.

'Big Three' Won't Accomplish Much

NO ONE HAS heard meetings about the "Big Four," or any other "Big" number, for quite sometime. But a meeting of a "Big Three" may become a reality in the near future.

The "Big Three" would be President Truman, President-elect Eisenhower, Gen MacArthur, retired.

- Problem to discuss: The Korean War.
Solutions to be offered: Unknown.
Expected outcome: Newspaper headlines.
Pictures of three smiling faces.
Development of meeting: Scheduling of another in the near future.
Hope of American public: Peace.
Collective results: Utter frustration.

Solar Prominences Movie Set Monday

The film on "Solar Prominences" will be shown at 7:30 p. m. Monday in lecture room 32 of the old wing of the Physics building. The film is a remarkable achievement in photography of the gigantic eruptions occurring at the surface of the sun, said Prof. J. T. Kent. The running commentary in the film will be supplemented by further remarks by Prof. Kent who will lecture briefly on the sun and show slides of his on sun spots and solar prominences.

Couch Attends North Carolina Conference

Dr. J. R. Couch spoke Thursday at the North Carolina Nutrition conference, held in Raleigh. The staff member of the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition, talked on "Application of Recent Findings to Poultry Feeding." He will talk on the "Use of Grains and Their By-Products in Animal Feeding," at the Friday session of the conference.

What's Cooking

- Friday
7 p. m.—Petroleum Research Banquet, Ballroom, MSC.
7:15 p. m.—Hillel Foundation, YMCA.
7:30 p. m.—The Birthday of the Prophet Mohammed, Assembly Room, MSC.
Czech Club, Room 2A, MSC.
Colloquium, Room 2B, MSC.
8:30 p. m.—Plant Science Colloquium, Room 2D, MSC, Soil water-plant growth relationships will be discussed.
Monday
7:15 p. m.—"Y" Association, YMCA Cabinet Room, Important business meeting.
Six County Club, 104 Academic Bldg., Final plans for Christmas.
Port Arthur Club, 126 Academic Bldg., Plans to be completed for Christmas Dance at the Country Club.
Czech Club, Rooms 2A & 2B, MSC, Christmas Social, Refreshments will be served.
7:30 p. m.—Rocky Mountain States Organizational Meeting, YMCA Reading Room, All students from or wanting transportation to area are urged to attend.

Caldwell County Club, Room 303, Goodwin Hall.
Permian Basin Club, YMCA Lounge, Final plans for annual Christmas Dance.
BSU will meet in the Baptist Student Center. Mrs. Milling will give a chalk talk.

Tumbling to Spark AF-CF Halftime

The halftime activities for the Army-Air Force Twelfth Man Bowl football game on Dec. 18 will feature crowd-pleasing acts presented by the Aggie tumbling team. Clowns Bud Mathews and Conrad Webb will be on hand to keep the fans gasping and guffawing at their zany antics. To see them stagger and fall all over and through the trampoline springs is worth the price of admission. For serious and precision performances, on the trampoline, parallel bars, and high bars, Carl Johnson, Bud Wilson, Darrel Roberts, Clyde Mahler, Nat Flores, and Bob Doby will be the senior performers, while the lone junior member is Jerry Marshall.

Wilson Noble and Bob Sullins are the soph tumblers. Co-coaches of the tumbling team are Mathews and Nicholas A. Ponthieux, both PE department instructors.

IH Members Talk To Ag Engineers

The intricacies of the power engines were explained by members of the International Harvester Company at the meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in the Agriculture Engineering building last week. The Society meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and all those who are interested are invited to attend. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Jan. 13.

Petroleum Meeting Completes Session

The Fifth Oil Recovery Conference at A&M will end today. Sessions will be held in the MSC. Theme of the conference will be the use of general purpose punched card computing systems in solving petroleum engineering problems. It is sponsored by the Texas Petroleum Research Committee.

Electronics Exhibition Planned Here

A demonstration of electronic instruments by members of the Earl Lipscombe Associates of Dallas will be conducted Dec. 15-16 in Rooms 2C and D of the MSC, said Norman Rode, electrical engineering department.

Cathode ray oscilloscopes, oscillators, vacuum tube volt meters, signal generators, Nuclear instruments, electronic control devices, and many other electrical machines will be exhibited, Rode said.

Members of the US Naval Reserve Volunteer Unit and the Army Research Group at College Station will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the MSC for a lecture and demonstration of the equipment, Rode added.

Graduate students and members of the faculty are cordially invited to examine the equipment while it is being displayed, Rode said.

Wesley Foundation Sets Yule Party

The Wesley Foundation Christmas Party will be held Dec. 17 at 7:30 p. m. in the Wesley Foundation, said Leroy Adcock, sponsor of the recreation committee.

The party will include a Christmas worship service, group singing, and a variety of games, Adcock said. Refreshments will consist of cakes and cookies brought by Aggie Mothers.

Helping Adcock with the party arrangements are Bill Wafer, decorations, James Durham, invitations, Adrian Youngblood, publicity, Miss Ernestine Smith, Jerry Ramsey, refreshments, and Frank Fichte, recreation.

"Aggies of all denominations are invited to attend, Adcock said, and foreign students will be special guests.

Tessie Exes Plan Yule Dinner at The Oaks

The Bryan College Station TSCW Ex-Students Association will have a Christmas dinner Dec. 17 at 7 p. m. at The Oaks, said Mrs. Carl Dally.

The price of the dinner is \$1.75, Mrs. Dally said. Members wishing to attend the dinner should call Mrs. Dally at 2-8969 for reservations, she said.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Content of Textbooks, Novels Cause Unending Controversy

By FRANK N. MANITZAS Battalion Co-Editor

DISCUSSIONS on controversial subjects usually are ended in these three categories: passing a resolution, forming a committee to study the problem or tabling until more facts are presented.

The resolution method was used recently by educators at the National Council for Social Studies in Dallas. The resolutions maintained: "... it is clearly the responsibility of the schools and of social studies to inform the American youth concerning affairs about which, as citizens and voters, they must form and register opinions. This responsibility includes teaching about the United Nations and UNESCO."

Another resolution which upheld the use of the term "social studies" said: "... the term carries no implications of a particular organization or subjects or of any political or social or economic points of view." This resolution, the group explained, was necessary to answer the mounting criticism of the term by persons who claimed "social studies" denote a particular political nature.

But the group actually was fighting to allow the discussion of controversial subjects in secondary schools. This proves that nothing is so controversial as a discussion of a controversial subject.

The educators assailed, and rightly so, critics who charged subversion in textbooks. Trevor K. Serviss, assistant editor in chief of D. C. Heath & Co., textbook publishers, asserted: "... in difficult times we are beset with attempts in many forms, as old as history and as new as today's

headline, to control learning and bend it into strange shapes conforming to the preconceived ideas of self-appointed censors... all of the attacks on education show the same techniques... use of half truths, pure fabrications, statements lifted from the context, misinterpretation of statements and presumed guilt by omission."

Encourage Pupils
One of the best points emerging from Mr. Serviss' attack on critics was: "... Textbooks must help boys and girls learn how to meet controversial issues courageously and intelligently. They must encourage pupils to think for themselves and to distinguish among the facts, opinions, prejudices and propaganda and to arrive at conclusions that are supported by evidence and reason."

Carrying out these ideas will require the strength and determination of Mr. Serviss and other publishers. Only in this way can pupils be supplied the facts to think for themselves.

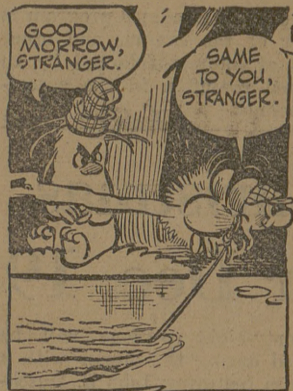
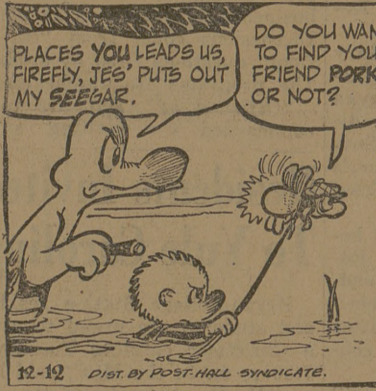
Another group meeting in Washington now also has books on the mind. The committee is of a congressional nature and the books naughty.

Whoever invented the English language would be ashamed of himself if he could see the trouble he's causing. The inventor of the Kodak probably would catch as much of the congressmen's fire because of the naked pictures which have been flowing through the U. S. mails to the newstands directly into everybody's inside pockets. But the comical point—oh yes, comics are being investigated too—is when the Iliad, Chaucer and many many of the old time classics are being compared to "The Private Life of a Strip Tease Girl," "Night of Ecstasy," "She Made It Pay," and "Pickup."

Decide For Us
Whatever the question might be in the back of the legislator's minds, it seems to us that they are trying to decide whether or not our taste is good or bad. What right have they to say? We have laws which protect persons from the obscenities and fair-

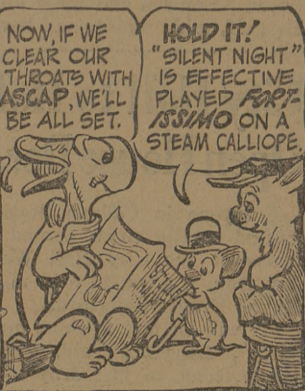
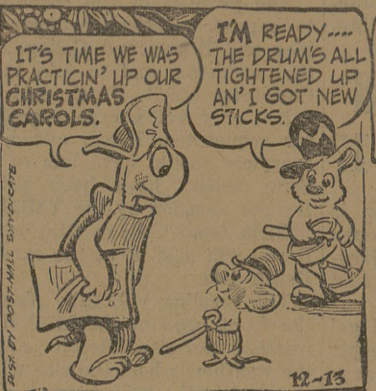
ly good law enforcing groups to carry out the wishes of these statutes. Hence, what have the legislators anything to legislate about? They could advise the Federal Trade Commission to investigate unfair merchandising methods used by most pocket books. We refer to the color covers of the gaudy, unattractive gal trying to get in a low cut gown. Inside the cover is housed a reprint of Voltaire's "Candide" or some other book that has been floating around the libraries for years. Mail Received Recently
Concerning the letters received by students here during the last few days from "Personal Books" people, we feel you might like to know that more than \$400,000 of books similar to the one being offered were sold last year. It was entitled "Love, the Science of Sex Attraction" and sold for the \$1.98 regular price. During the investigations of the committee, the conversation between congressman and publisher ran like this: "What's this picture?" asked the lawmaker. "It is a drawing of a very famous statue," said the publisher. "And I suppose you're doing mankind a real service selling this book?" "Yes, indeed."

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