

INTEGRATION

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That unanimous decision by the Supreme Court

today on the IXX integration of parks and public buildings in Memphis, Tennessee - means integration now. The ten year plan for gradual integration proposed by Memphis - is just not good enough, says our highest tribunal.

Justice Arthur Goldberg pointing out that almost eight years have elapsed - since the States were barred from enforcing segregation in public parks and places of recreation. And that Memphis has failed to come up with any valid reason - for more delay.

At the same time, the Supreme Court takes a more general position - concerning ~~integration of~~ DESEGREGATION OF schools in the South. The progress, criticized as being - entirely too meager. Too few negro students in class - nine years after the famous Supreme Court ruling against segregation.

AFRICA

The news from Addis Ababa shows how quickly Africa is moving - into the twentieth century. The news from Nairobi shows, paradoxically - how tenaciously the Dark Continent of the past clings to life.

In the Ethiopian capital - a new charter of the nations. Everything in the most modern style - as twenty-nine leaders affixed their signatures to the document. The first step toward - an Organization of African States.

In Nairobi, Kenya, a different kind of organization - is making its power felt. The age-old Somali Tribe - of East Africa. The Somalis want to secede from Kenya - and join their Somali kinsmen in the Somali Republic across the border. The tribal feeling erupted today into violence - just as ^{it used to} in the days of Stanley and Livingstone.

into reality

POPE JOHN TO TAPE

There is universal anxiety tonight - over the health of Pope John the Twenty-third. No attempt is now being made - to disguise the severity of his illness. And although the Pope is said to feel somewhat better - he even wanted to appear at his window yesterday to bless pilgrims in St. Peter's Square - he is still on the danger list.

The Italian newspaper, Corriere della Sera, says that Pope John himself believes that his days are numbered. Telling a recent visitor that he knew - he had only three or four weeks to live.

So, many prayers are being said tonight - for Pope John the Twenty-third, who has been called the Pope of Peace, ^{Who} during his short pontificate, has caught and held the imagination of the world, with his efforts to turn the ideal of peace and the brotherhood of man - into reality.

INTRODUCTION TO TAPE

Tonight, still far afield, we greet Lowell Thomas in the Middle East.

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L.T. - Good Evening Everybody: Even a traveler hurrying around the world, can pick up a lot of valuable background knowledge if he'll do just one thing - talk to everybody - or rather listen to them. For the most part those who are doing the traveling these days are government officials, men who are involved in large or fairly large scale international commercial affairs - oil, rubber, tin and so on, an occasional journalist, of course, and some tourists.

To illustrate, a young chap with a heavy black beard - I thought - well, he's probably a Russian - came along the aisle of a Pan Am jet and he said to me: "Where are Lowell Jr. and Tay?" meaning my son and his wife. The young man turned out to be an American of course, a representative of

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The National Geographic Magazine in Washington - his name Peter Abercrombie from New Jersey. And, he had just been on an assignment in Yemen, one of the least known countries in the world - and when we met on the plane he was on his way now to Nepal. His boss, Dr. Melville Grosvenor, had radioed him to fly to Kathmandu to meet the members of The American Mt. Everest Expedition when they return with their thrilling story. His job to help them get that story out to the world, the details that we are eagerly waiting for. And from him I got a bit of the latest news from Yemen - that war between the rebels backed by some ten thousand Egyptian troops sent there by Nasser, and then they are fighting of course the supporters of the Imam of Yemen who is backed by Saudi Arabia.

Salon.

The impression that he brought away from Yemen is that the rebels backed by Nasser's soldiers with their modern Russian weapons, will continue to hold Sanaa, the lofty mountain capital of Yemen.

And how does this affect us? Actually, we Americans are in a dilemma, because we have been giving aid to Nasser. He's on one side. We also have been working closely for a long time with our old friend King Saud in Arabia. So, as we do so often, here we are playing both sides of the road - and millions and millions of our American dollars are thrown away.

Obviously as a world power we are not mature enough to have a clear-cut policy, or so it seems to others who watch us from the sidelines.

Solong,

FOLLOW L.T.

Well, Lowell, I think all Americans would agree that we need to work harder -- at international relations.

DISARMAMENT

Soviet delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin got very upset today in Geneva - with the United States and Britain. Accusing the Western delegates at the Disarmament Conference of using "rude words" - to reject his proposals for establishing a nuclear free zone in the Mediterranean.

In point of fact our Ambassador Charles Stelle dismissed the proposals as - "blatant propaganda." And he advised the Soviet Union to get down to - the basic issue of disarmament. [Rather than propose measures which would -upset the present military balance of power. A suggestion which echoes one already made by the eight neutral members at the conference - that everyone get down to serious negotiations. But so far the Russians' answer has been - the usual nyet.]

BERLIN

The east Germans seem to have had second thoughts about their petty harassment tactics - aimed at Steinstuecken, the tiny village lying a mile inside East Germany but belonging to the United States sector in West Berlin.

Last week the East Berliners blocked the road to Steinstuecken - from West Berlin. So that fire engines and other utility vehicles - were unable to get through.

But American officials announced-that they would keep the road open. And East German police worked through the night last night - to remove the newly erected barriers. ~~And~~ Tonight all is peace once more - for the moment, anyway.

In the opinion of George Allen, our former Ambassador to Yugoslavia, that country would try to stay neutral - if we were at war with Russia. But would probably side with other East European Communist countries - if Germany was the issue.

According to Ambassador Allen the Yugoslavs are - "first Yugoslavs; second Slavs; and third, Communists. And he is certain that, in their differences with the Kremlin - the Yugoslavs won. That Moscow crawled back to Yugoslavia - and not vice versa.

All this he reported to the House ~~XX~~ Foreign Affairs Committee today, while urging it to allow Yugoslavian tobacco to enter the country - without heavy duties. Allen, pointing out the difference between helping Yugoslavian - and Cuban tobacco. The Cubans he says are - "absolute yes men for Moscow." The Yugoslavs - have an independent, national point of view. And should be encouraged.

SEA LION

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A somewhat disillusioned sea lion called Jeff is nursing an injured flipper tonight - in a pool at Niagara Falls. It seems that Jeff got rather bored with life in the pool - and decided to see the world. Last week he set out by way of - the Horseshoe Falls. He must have tumbled over them, according to his master, John Holer, operator of the Marine Wonderland pool, which is Jeff's usual home.

Jeff was finally spotted - enjoying his new-found freedom. Sunning himself on a rock - on the lower Niagara River.

Tonight - he's back in the pool. Proud possessor - of a new world's record. Jeff is the first sea lion - to go over Niagara Falls. And he did it - without a barrel.

In fact, he seems more concerned about his