

RACIAL RELATIONS *MW*

Segregation is an issue which has been ^{easily} ~~ably~~ understood ~~was~~, *because*
~~it~~ ^{it} struck directly at tradition. ~~The~~ ^G Great public interest was
aroused, because proponents of both sides had ~~a~~ ~~pre-conditioned~~ pre-conditioned
position of extreme importance to them. However, a tragic result has
been the loss of recognition of the over-all racial relations problem
and opportunities which have been swallowed up by the intensity of
segregation feeling.

As governor, I will provide leadership ^{in awakening} ~~to~~ ^A ~~re-awaken~~ our state to
its greater responsibility related to the whole of Florida racial relations
and I will spearhead development of intelligent, much-needed improvement
~~between the races~~ in this field of vital
importance which touches our economy, education, health and moral
~~progress~~ progress.

I am first a firm segregationist and this position is one ~~that~~
~~which may be anticipated~~ ^{which may be anticipated}
~~the citizens of this state, whatever their personal views may be, must~~
~~anticipate~~ without doubt upon my election. I am a segregationist,
because, as a third generation Floridian I cannot close my eyes to the
facts which are clearly discernable and which derive from our southern
traditions. The people of this state, and of both races, are not
prepared to send their children to schools which are integrated. I am
not radical on this subject, but there is no doubt in my mind that
integrated schools ~~, forced upon the citizens~~, forced upon the citizens
of this state, would ~~lead~~ quite conceivably lead to chaos and violence.
It would also, in my opinion, be detrimental to ~~improvement of~~ educational
standards whereas steady progress in improvement of our public school
system ~~can~~ can be anticipated under present conditions.

On the other hand, I am as equally determined that no school in
Florida will ever be closed regardless as to cause. ^{Indeed, to} ~~contemplate~~
contemplate such ^{a step} ~~a means of opposition~~ would be to expose ^a ~~the~~ form of

"integration" ^{in that} ~~to the effect that all~~ both races would suffer the catastrophic consequences of ^{interrupted} ~~interrupted~~ education ~~in its entirety~~. The suggestion ~~of closing schools~~ that schools might be closed is stimulated by a false premise in the first place, because such error promulgated upon the residents of other states is not a reason for us to follow, but to avoid such stupidity. There is no need to contemplate such a ~~course~~ course in Florida.

I am an attorney and I have the deepest respect for the law. However, I am not so naive as to regard members of the Supreme Court as supernatural entities incapable of making mistakes and a most serious mistake they have made in attempting to "legislate" the rules and regulations concerned with our state's own responsibilities in the field of public education. Their determinations have stemmed from a lack of understanding of our problems ~~and a failure to provide~~ ^{advisory} advice.

Supreme Courts, like other public bodies, are, however, susceptible to public opinion. We are in need of a vigorous public relations program designed to properly inform the population of all the United States as to the truth of our position and as to the untenable position the decision ^{has} ~~has~~ placed upon us. As governor, I shall undertake development of such a program of information and the receptiveness of northern areas is assured ^{since} ~~because~~ ^{of} many of those states are now learning to their regret of the consequences of ~~erroneous~~ ^{improper racial attitudes} ~~decisions~~ which is causing chaotic conditions within their own state borders.

The monstrous problem of forced integration has ^{revealed} ~~driven~~ a calculated effort to steal from the states their rights as guaranteed by ^{the} ~~the~~ Federal Constitution. ~~It has been a~~ ^{there} ~~recognizable~~ benefit ~~derived from~~ ^{and} ~~from~~ this conflict it has been our awakening ^{and} ~~to~~ creeping ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{trusion} ~~trusion~~ of the federal government which threatens our existence ^{of} ~~of~~ a sovereign state. And this, I shall oppose with all the vigour and

considerable resources provided by the governor's chair.

As is always the case, there are two sides to this question. The description of public education in Florida as "seperate but equal" ~~is inadequate~~ ^{suffers} ~~only~~ _A as to its ineptness, because it does not exist on a full-scale basis. Had equal facilities for education, as well as ~~for~~ ^{for} other important elements been provided long ago, the segregation problem would not be with us today ~~to~~ ^{to} any degree of importance approaching our present position. As governor, I will direct my attention to better schools, ~~that is~~ better teachers and better living conditions for Negro citizens and their children. I ~~call~~ ^{call} upon ^{upon} those who most vigorously oppose ~~integrated~~ integrated schools to join ~~in~~ in an honest, sincere program to achieve this end if only because it is the very best assurance that traditional separation of the races may continue. And ^I also call upon Negro leaders who are sincere in their desire for better ~~conditions~~ conditions to face up to this reality as well.

There is an argument ~~which described~~ ^{that} segregated schools ~~are~~ ^{impose} some sort of psychological penalty upon Negro children, but I am not willing to embrace any program which has just as great ^a _A possibility of penalty upon White students and their complex. Pride in their schools ^{among Negroes} _A will follow modern construction and ~~identical~~ budgets just as pride in their facilities exists among White children, ^{but} ~~is a matter of fact,~~ ~~study of Negro regard for their schools does not reveal such a complex at the present time.~~ Forced admission to any group of society cannot possibly provoke pride for anyone of any race.

^{They} ~~There~~ _A are two major developments which my administration will stimulate. The first has to do with improvement of conditions for Negroes of such type as must be provided by White leadership since our colored population is of the minority. Better schools must be constructed where they have not already been built. Streets must be

~~shall~~ paved and as well lighted as ~~the~~ other residential areas if we expect improvement of living habits, ~~respect for the law, and~~ ~~public safety~~, and decrease in juvenile delinquency. Sanitation ^{problems} ~~problems~~, are rampant in many Negro neighborhoods, posing a community health hazard of consequence to both races. These must be eliminated for the good of both races. Many Negro families live in dwellings which are literally tinder boxes and the communities of Florida must be encouraged to rectify this danger. Where police protection and law enforcement is not adequate for public safety, it must be increased to satisfy this responsibility.

I would be less than frank if my platform did not address itself directly and bluntly to the Negro population itself, because I am forthright in stating that many ills suffered today by that portion of our citizens can be traced directly to indifferent Negro leadership which all too often has been guided by guile and entirely selfish desires.

It is time that Negroes gain self respect if they would have others respect them. ~~The living habits and moral codes of many within this racial group are despicable.~~ ^{questionable} Too many Negro children suffer from malnutrition while paychecks are marauded by bolito salesmen and saloons. Too often, so-called Negro leaders prey upon their own, taking advantage of weaknesses and ignorance. ~~It's time for self-improvement and care for families.~~ ^{time} ~~It's time for self-improvement and care for families.~~ ^{Negro}

Negroes must be encouraged to clean up their neighborhoods and to work together toward civic improvement. When such areas look more like residential sections and less like a place, to deposit refuse then those residents will have ^{taken} ~~the~~ the first step toward ~~disunity~~ ^{disunity} ~~proper recognition.~~

I am not unaware that there are other influences of depredation over which Negroes have little control. Such selfish interests, however,

will respond in many cases to ^{the} desire for better living conditions, ^{when} ^{the} ^{best} ^{of} ^{the} ^{people} and those who will not be ^{able} ^{to} ^{do} ^{so} by local elected officials and zoning committees. When elected governor, the weight of that office will be added to such endeavor.

The N.A.A.C.P. is ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{process} of varied activities, some of which may possibly have ^{been} ^{beneficial} ^{to} ^{others} to awareness or neglect, but a great deal of which has, in my opinion, served to further alienate the races. It is my opinion that ^{the} ^{organization} ^{is} ^{not} ^{of} ^{any} ^{value} to good public relations ^{and} ^{it} ^{is} ^{not} ^{of} ^{any} ^{value} to do many things a good deal differently, and good public relations do certainly what the Negro population ^{is} ^{desiring} ^{for} ^{example}, ^{as} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{case} ^{of} ^{the} ^{private} ^{clubs} ^{and} ^{other} ^{establishments} where Negroes have attempted to ^{obtain} ^{discrimination} ^{by} ^{entering} ^{themselves} ^{into} ^{the} ^{same} ^{establishments} and areas which, for reasons ^{of} ^{their} ^{own}, private owners and operators have chosen to reserve to members of the white race. I call this an unwarranted invasion of privacy, not much removed from forced ~~entry~~ ^{entry} to private homes. The N.A.A.C.P. must learn that invitations seldom follow forced intrusion.

I do not hold with witch hunts, nor persecution of minorities through legal, or any other approach, but it is my opinion that the N.A.A.C.P. would be well advised, if it has ^{not} ^{yet} ^{done} ^{so}, to voluntarily reveal its membership list without being forced to do so, and if these lists contain names which should not be there ^{either} ^{because} ^{the} ^{individuals} ^{concerned} ^{are} ^{not} ^{acceptable}, or because they do not choose to be identified with such a group, I most certainly recommend that they be dropped.

Last, I would recommend that the N.A.A.C.P., or any other groups proposing to hold the best interest of the Negro at heart stop such attempts as pertain to forced intermingling of the races and ^{other} ^{their} ^{attempts}, instead, to improvement of the lot of the Negro

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It is accepted as fact that many Negro votes are "bought", and bought by the ill-gotten gains of the very people who do most to profit by the ills of minorities. I would recommend that Negroes recognize the vote as a means of progress ~~to~~^{when} used in accordance with the American tradition, ~~and that~~ whether they go to the polls on May 3 to vote for, or against Farris Bryant ~~that~~^{should} they do so of their own choice and volition. When elected governor, I intend to take steps to eliminate ~~illegal~~^{such} violation of ~~the~~ ballot box and