

# Southern Integration

(ACP)—Integration of schools got much attention in the college press these first few weeks of school.

Editors of **Critograph**, Lynchburg, Va., college, criticize their state government for closing schools which are under federal integration orders.

"What do the so-called leaders of this state hope to gain by closing schools in order to defy the federal government? The Byrdmen admit that the closings will only postpone the inevitable and that the state has not one leg to stand on in a federal court."

"The high school students without high schools know who is on the losing end of this deal. Students in Warren county high school and Charlottesville are feeling the effects of Virginia's bullheaded segregation stand. Students in Little Rock, Arkansas are feeling the effects of their governor's wild bid for power and prestige . . .

"Whether we like it or not, there is only one Law of the Land. The sooner people realize this, the sooner Johnny can get back into school . . ."

**Critograph** ends the editorial with a quote from the *Raleigh, N. C., News and Observer*: "Closing down the schools is something beyond secession from the Union; it is secession from civilization."

The Central Michigan College **Life** thinks the closing of the Little Rock high schools "is weakening the United States . . . As Americans, as college students, the plight of these students should be of (our) utmost concern . . . It makes no difference whether you believe in the Supreme Court ruling or not. What does matter is that freedom to learn is failing, and the failure is as dangerous as any war."

Louisiana State University's **Daily Reveille** notes "opposition to school closing is coming from parents who realize that the education of their children is more important than segregation. And, it is time state officials in Arkansas and Virginia also realize this factor, for it is questionable whether the courts will uphold the public-private school system."

The paper reported that 59 Negro students are enrolled in LSU in New Orleans (LSUNO) but none at Baton Rouge, though some have been there since 1950—all but one were graduate or law students.

The day after the above **Reveille** comment appeared, the paper ran this letter from reader Brent Calongne:

"Congratulations to students of LSUNO. You are doing a fine job. Just sit back calmly and let them shove the Negroes down your throats. It would be terrible to op-

pose it. After all, the opinion of nine men is far more important than the opinion of the majority of 175,000,000 people.

"The previous paragraph is an exaggerated example of the one-sided view that the majority of our paper's editors take when writing editorials. Since the beginning of summer semester, many articles favoring integration have appeared in . . . our paper . . .

"The purpose of this letter is to present a little of the other side for a change . . .

"Some of us say that we wouldn't mind if Negroes just attended our classes. The damage from this alone would be terrific. In Washington, D. C., white students are retarded tremendously because of integrated classes. In a national test given in one school, white students averaged 98 while Negro students with the same educational facilities averaged only 51.

"It doesn't stop with integrated schools. If they get into our schools, they will get into our social functions. Don't think they won't, because they will. Maybe you don't mind a Negro dancing with your girl or asking her for a date, but I do. Remember, if we give an inch, they'll take a mile . . .

"When forced integration starts in our school, home town and state, we've got to fight it. It's our job, no one else's. If everyone puts up resistance, regardless of how little, the nine kings of our Supreme Court would have no other alternative than to give in."

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