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Roots of Civil Disorders

The United States has not faced a crisis of the magnitude of its racism since the Civil War, when the survival of the Union was in doubt. This crisis appears the greater of the two on all counts. The eventual outcome of the Civil War was almost ordained by economics, and the North had the right cause, eventually — the emancipation of slavery.

But both morals and sense say that while America is wrong in its white racism, and that the United States is trending strongly into development as a nation with two

peoples and two societies — one white and one Negro.

The implications of this tragedy are too huge to be grasped easily.

Compared with it, the war in Vietnam is a smaller problem, one for which solutions can probably be developed. For our race problem there is no solution in sight. The means of solution are proposed, but they still are unacceptable to the American people.

The President's Commission on Civil Disorders reported last week on its findings in a national study of the rioting in the big cities last summer, and there has been no reasonable voice raised to voice the horrendous accusations of the report:

That white society created the present degradation of American Negroes, that white institutions maintain it and that white society condones it.

There was national praise for the report of the commission headed by Gov. Kerner of Illinois after its seven-month study of riots in Detroit and 22 other cities, but realists noted that even as it was being released U.S. Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) was moving to water down open housing legislation under pressures from white society.

And with release of the report came cries from Rep. George Mahon (D-Texas) and other congressmen that the money needed to bring Negroes to full citizenship was beyond reach.

This gets to the heart of the problem. It has a price tag and it is very high — to give Negroes equal education so they can be eligible for job opportunity — but the basic problem is not money.

The United States is spending in Vietnam, a little Asian country whose name Americans spelled uncertainly until we sent a half million troops there to "fight communism," about \$25 billion a year. To suggest that we "cannot afford" to give Negro Americans full citizenship and the ability to contribute to the greatness of this nation is smacking confirmation of the suggestion of the commission that America's basic problem is a white racism — we simply do not accept the Negroes as full citizens and we have set up all sorts of barriers to their progress to full citizenship.

The situation is one that outrages morals, but the commission didn't stress that. It suggested to all Americans that they had better reckon their own security as well as the welfare of their country.

It's possible for the white community now to impose inferiority on the Negro because of the white supremacy in population, for one thing. (His superior education also keeps the Negroes from exercising their political strength.)

But if present trends continue 15 years from now Negroes will outnumber whites in Detroit, Chicago, New Orleans, Richmond, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Fla., Gary, Ind., Cleveland, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Oakland, Calif., and many other cities.

White racism — the belief that "whites are some sort of superior race that can subjugate Negroes" is the chief cause of the riots. To say that there's a black racism, too, is to say the obvious. Negro leaders say it's retaliatory, that Negroes are not being tough, only being protective after more than a century of oppression. The President's commission agrees. Whites have caused this situation by their prejudice, and unless they change they are setting up a future for the United States which won't be happy for their children.

Peninsula Perambulator

A normally untried meeting of the Hancock Planning Commission turned into one with fireworks aimed at a dozen areas of alleged inaction and ineptitude laid at the doorstep of the council. A change for the council to accept the city manager form of government approved by the voters several years ago was loudly expressed by a militant committee of Hancock businessmen who attended the meeting. This was declared a top need in future planning. One man rule by the mayor and docile rubber stamping by councilmen, the group charged. An effective city management. The committee was armed with a sheaf of topics for discussion, but obviously pent up ire was touched off by the council's hasty awarding of a contract for more than \$13,000 in West Hancock. The price, it was charged, was about \$5 a foot higher than estimated by the engineering firm that prepared a comprehensive plan for the entire west end of the city. This, the committee declared, was a "gross squandering of \$7,000 of tax money," and a prime example of "lack of planning."

Cost estimates for a community swimming pool, approximately 40 by 75 feet, are being assembled by the Sault Ste. Marie Club to explore the possibility of obtaining a federal loan for construction. The Farm Home Administration, it was pointed out, considers loans for recreational facilities in rural areas which includes cities of up to 5,500 in population.

Richard Y. Burnett, Sault Ste. Marie, president of the Edison Sault Electric Co., announced that the board of directors of the company has approved submission of plans for bidding for a new administration and engineering complex in the Sault.

Superintendent of Schools Robert S. McKindles has submitted his resignation, effective June 30, according to an announcement by the Lake Linden-Hubbell Board of Education. McKindles has requested release from his duties in order to return to full-time teaching in Lake Linden-Hubbell, the board said.

Robert J. Byers, executive assistant to the director of the Office of Economic Expansion in the Michigan Department of Commerce, has retired from state service. He was born in Baraga March 11, 1898 and attended schools in Baraga, New Administration and Kalamazoo and the University of Michigan.

FACTS ON AFD

Critics who pounce on foreign aid as a chief cause of the nation's dollar drain should examine President Johnson's budget message more carefully. Not only is the foreign aid request modest, but he notes that 90 per cent of the money is for the purchase of American goods and services. This has been largely the case for years. Yet some self-styled experts on international finance, especially in Congress, demand that it be impeded by the facts. — Milwaukee Journal

From The Journal Files

60 Years Ago

—Marquette—
The Normal School basketball team last night defeated the Ishpeming High School alumni team by a score of 33 to 19. The game was played in the Normal gymnasium and was witnessed by a fair-sized crowd.
This week's issue of Collier's weekly contains an excellent picture taken at the present ski tournament and two other pictures of the dog races. The ski picture as taken from the hump and about Leonard A. Audry, and his record jump of 122 feet. With arms outstretched he is poised high in the air and beneath him the filled grandstand may be seen, with the course between them.
—Ishpeming—
J. Wahlman and Son have been given a contract for the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.'s new hospital at Gwin, which will cost about \$15,000, as well as a doctor's residence and barn and a dry, the latter at the Stephenson Mine.

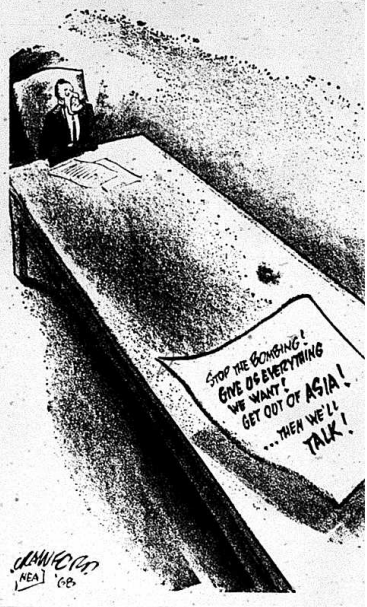
Jacob Lawton, one of the original proprietors of the Grand Theater in this city, was here on business. He and his partner, Ladore Joyce, have a moving picture show on the road. They present "Ben Hur" and other feature pictures, playing at the larger theaters.
The indoor baseball team representing the alumni of the Escanaba High School was outplayed by the Ishpeming nine in a game played at the Grand's Hall. The visitors lost, 17 to 9. Errors were frequent.
—Negaunee—
In the bowling contest between young Stone, of this city, and Embion, a 12-year-old Ishpeming boy, at Orr and Tompkins alleys, the former won, his total being 445, and Embion's 387. Sterling's total for the six games was 232 and Embion's 834.
William Buzzo, an employee of the Escanaba Mine, had a thumb badly injured, a chunk of iron ore having struck him. It will be a week or more before he will be able to resume work.

30 Years Ago

—Marquette—
Providing dispatch of outgoing mail to Green Bay, Milwaukee and Chicago, a new star route messenger service has been established to carry mails from Champion, through Republic and Marquette to Channing, it was announced yesterday by Leonard A. Audry, superintendent of mails in the Marquette post office.
Weather conditions permitting, Marquette's winter sports devotees are expected to turn out in full force Sunday for another afternoon of fun in the Superior arena.

cases, respectively, the city health department monthly report shows. Whooping cough accounted for four cases.
With the Republican city convention three days off, almost a complete slate of candidates for city and ward offices has been compiled. Only one place is open — that for alderman of the city ward.
"The Return of Peter Grimm," one of the notable successes in the career of David Belasco, Broadway producer, will be produced on the Ishpeming High School auditorium

Invitation To Conversat



Andrew Tully:

Charles Evers' Way

WASHINGTON — Seeking his rightful place in his own country, the Negro has options. He can throw rocks at cops, burn down city blocks, demand that all whites be murdered in their beds, lead a camp-in in Washington. Then he can do it. Charles Evers' way. Evers, brother of the Negro leader who was ambushed and killed in Mississippi in 1963, is both practical and realistic. He knows that Black Power is only chance to become something more than a slogan is to win a place in the nation's political life. And so last week Evers defeated six white opponents to win a runoff berth in the race for the Mississippi congressional seat vacated by Gov. John Bell Williams. The chances of Evers winning the runoff are slim to non-existent. White voters, who split their ballots among the six segregationist white candidates in the primary, are almost certain to close ranks behind Evers' white opponent in the election. That is unfortunate, because Evers is a man of considerable competence who would add a little class to the House. But it is also beside the point, which is that Evers has pointed the way for his people. That way is the hard-nosed, pragmatic, political way. Evers

Editor's Mail

(Contributors are invited. Letters should be brief, less than 200 words. Only signed letters will be considered for publication. Personal attacks on individuals will be eliminated.)

Not Consulted

Dear Sir: In the Mining Journal last Thursday's evening, we read that the Negaunee School Board called a special meeting requested by the Michigan Association of School Boards which asked that "local units meet and determine the opinions of their constituents" regarding various proposals being considered by the Legislature for aid to two-state schools.

We interpret this as a mean that they sound the opinions of the people whom they represent. We have made inquiries among our friends here at the Suomi Location. Neither we nor they were polled or consulted nor do any of us know of anyone here who was consulted, yet we are part of their constituents.

The people we called, as well as ourselves, happen to feel that the bill providing for the payment to parents is just and well-forethought. We do not claim to speak for all the people of this school district, we do speak for ourselves and feel sure that there is the unanimity of opposition — should that be the voice of the school board would indicate.

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the maintenance superintendent? Such comic displays are deplorable!

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More About Jokes

Dear Sir: Reference to my letter (Crude, Filthy Jokes): My opinion, as was expressed, is the same. This letter is not intended as a justification or apology, but as a clarification of a few portions of the letter. It appears that some readers have ignored, missed or misunderstood the main points that were intended. Certain significant phrases were not considered.

"Minority of Air Force personnel" obviously means a majority of Air Force personnel do not include in this type of amusement. "Crude, filthy jokes" is self-explanatory. Harmless, good-natured jokes are not resented and were not the subject of my letter.

"Air Force personnel that spread these jokes" are the relatively few guilty individuals to whom my letter was directed. Everyone is entitled to an expression of his opinion. I have simply stated mine, with the hope that there would be a resultant decrease in these types of jokes.

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Academic Freedom

Dear Sir: An amusing aspect of the McCellan case is the incredible effrontery on the part of the administration. In the March 2 edition of The Mining Journal, members of the administration, their office staff, along with the mailman, a few nurses and the groundskeeper cited Northern's long tradition of academic freedom. It was a provocative advertisement, revealing an impressive unity in this question of academic freedom. Who now dares argue with the cook, the campus police, the Job Corps, the Area Training Center, and the whole host of gym teachers and, horrors,

