

Fenwick Claims NAACP Activity Killed Gray Plan

ARLINGTON, Sept. 25 — (AP) — State Senator Charles Fenwick Wednesday said the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's determination to "force" mass integration in the public schools of Virginia brought the downfall of the Gray Commission's proposal for a local pupil assignment plan.

Fenwick, who served on the 32-man legislative commission from the time of its inception in 1954, said the NAACP activities were "aided and abetted by white integrationists."

In a statement Fenwick said the commission proposal represented a compromise of views which embraced two key principles: (1) recognition of the Supreme Court desegregation decision but affording a maximum opportunity for voluntary segregation and (2) that no child should be forced to attend a mixed school against the will of its parents or guardians.

The commission proposal for a locally administered pupil assignment plan was not endorsed by Gov. Stanley when he presented his program to the General Assembly last year. A state-administered pupil assignment plan subsequently became law.

Fenwick charges that the NAACP, "interested only in accomplishing immediate integration and not interested in the welfare of the Negro race, proceeded to stir up litigation to accomplish forced integration."

"It was soon evident to many of those who had made concessions in signing the Gray report that the voluntary features of the plan would be destroyed," Fenwick said.

Hardening of Resistance

"Such activities," he adds, "served to destroy in the minds of many members of the Commission the usefulness of the assignment plan and resulted in a hardening of resistance and a determination to resist any recognition of integration."

Fenwick described the special Assembly acts which have since been known as the "NAACP laws." He said these were passed "in the hopes of restoring to the individual parent the right of choice and decision in regard to the assignment of a pupil, which had been largely destroyed by the NAACP and its friends."

Fenwick struck at the NAACP further by asserting that the association has admitted in court pleadings that it is committing the acts sought to be controlled by the legislation.

He charged the NAACP "is now contesting their constitutionality so that it may continue on its reckless path of creating incidents leading to turmoil, confusion and increased public resentment."

The Arlington senator was in the bloc of state senators that made a stiff fight on behalf of the local type assignment plan during the Assembly's special session.

VFW Offers Aid In Road Crusade

SCOTTSVILLE, Sept. 25—(AP)—The commander of the Virginia department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Wednesday offered the services of his organization to help cut down traffic deaths in the state.

Dr. W. E. Moody of Scottsville, in a telegram to Governor Stanley, said the members of the VFW in Virginia "are gravely concerned over the mounting traffic deaths on our highways."

"We feel that the state police are doing everything possible with the troopers available," the telegram to the Governor said, "and wish to offer the services of our organization, perhaps in forming an auxiliary police force, in your crusade against this needless slaughter."

There was no comment from the Governor's office on the telegram; Stanley is attending the Southern Governors Conference at Sea Island, Ga.

Troop Move Is Assailed By Harrison

STAUNTON, Sept. 25—(AP)—State Sen. A. S. Harrison Jr. said Wednesday night the President's action in sending troops into Little Rock was "as destructive to the unity of this country as would be an act of attempted secession from the Union, or nullification, by one of the 48 states."

Harrison, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, spoke at a meeting of the Staunton Young Democratic Club.

"The enormity of the act . . . is so great, and its consequences so far-reaching, that it cannot as yet be fully appraised," Harrison said.

He said the President has "stripped the sovereign head of a sovereign state of his traditional power and authority over the organized militia of that state."

"The executive order is even more calamitous when it is recalled that he has said repeatedly he would not use troops and force to compel the integration of the races in the public schools," Harrison said.

Promise "Repudiated"

"His repudiation of this promise will cause the people not only to lose confidence in a re-