

Tell It To Old Grandma

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Editor, You Remind Me Of Neutralist Nehru *Jan 14*

EDITOR, THE ADVERTISER—So many misstatements have occurred on your editorial page with reference to integration of negroes in public schools and as to the Citizens Councils that I feel it is proper that some one make answer.

Some weeks ago you mentioned that integration had been notably successful in the City of Washington. If you intended to say that there had been no attending violence you are absolutely correct. However, here are some of the results:

Formerly there were about 64% white pupils and 36% negroes, that percentage is now approximately reversed as the integration has forced many white families to move out of Washington into states where their children can attend segregated schools. And reports from the school officials show that the integration has caused the scholastic standards of the Washington schools to be lowered.

General Eisenhower opposed integration in the Army when he was its head. President Eisenhower, the leader of the Republican Party, who follows in the footsteps of his predecessor in seeking Negro votes for his party, does not send his grandchildren to the integrated schools of Washington. They go to a private Episcopal school in Virginia, where there is no integration, although the President is a Presbyterian.

Vice President Nixon and the Cabinet give full cry to integration but their children attend a school to which only one Negro child has been admitted.

In an editorial today occurs the following statement: "Commissioner Sellers is a card carrying member of the White Citizens Council, an organization dedicated to boycott and economic sanctions against Negroes." The statement as to the Citizens Council is absolutely false. Had you taken the trouble to investigate you would have found that you were making a false statement.

The Citizens Councils are dedicated, as was *The Advertiser* in times past, to the preservation of our Southern customs and laws by legal means only.

I know whereof I speak as I have helped in the formation of several county councils in Alabama.

There are many legal methods we can, and which I sincerely trust we shall, adopt to preserve the laws and customs for which our ancestors so courageously fought, even when Alabama was occupied by Federal soldiers.

It is indeed regrettable that you have never had the courage to take a stand either for integration or against it. One can't be neutral. However, you remind me of neutralist Nehru, all of your criticism is of those who have organized to fight integration, just as Nehru—who says he is neutral but only criticizes the West.

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Mutually Exclusive Roles

Editor, The Advertiser:

After reading Tom Johnson's column in *The Advertiser*, in which the ambitious young minister of Lutheran faith is described as taking such an active part in the 90-year-old Civil War question of segregation of the races:

It is apparent that this young and well meaning minister is conscientious and feels he is doing the right thing. We need lots of young men like that and I have no objections to their feeling free to use their time as best they see fit.

For one so young to move into a strange section or into a new state and to immediately project himself into a heated controversy as age-old as the separation of races at the same time hiding behind the skirts of the ministry in order to defy the very law that grants him immunity, shows a disregard for both Christian principle and for established law which has as its purpose to guard the peace that comes from nowhere except through Christ the Prince of Peace.

Can one imagine the Master using such tactics to serve the Lord?

Pastor Graetz is either a Christian or a rabble-rouser. He cannot be both. Montgomery JOHN KELTON.

races. However, I am quite sure we do not define the term alike. We believe that "good race relations exist only when everyone is treated as an equal. This cannot be as long as there are laws preventing men of one race from enjoying the privileges and rights enjoyed by another race.

We shall never cease our struggle for equality until we gain first-class citizenship, and take it from me this is from a reliable source (the Negro citizens of Montgomery). We have no intention of compromising. Such unwarranted delay in granting our request may very well result in a demand for the annihilation of segregation which will result in complete integration.

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First Come Already First Served

Editor, The Advertiser:

I am a widow, 60 years old, and have to work for a living. The bus is the only way I have of getting anywhere. I ride the Veterans Hospital bus, and I have my first time to hear one of these drivers ask a Negro to give a white person a seat. One afternoon just before the boycott I got on the bus and Negroes had every seat they could have. White people were standing. I would have had to stand all the way to town except a four-year-old girl got up and let me have her seat. Since busses did not run Dec. 25-26, I had to stay home on my only holidays.

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Rev. Graetz