

## Clergy And Laymen Differ In Reaction

By United Press International

American clergy and laymen differed today in their reaction to the Supreme Court ruling banning compulsory Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in schools.

Protestants and Jewish leaders were divided, while Roman Catholics generally urged support of the ruling.

In Los Angeles, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union said he would file suit to challenge the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance as a violation of the First Amendment.

The National Council of Churches said the decision was a "reminder . . . that teaching religion is the responsibility of the home and the community of faith (church or synagogue) rather than public schools. Neither the church nor the state should use the public school or compel acceptance of any creed or conformity to any specific religious practice."

### Others Differ

A Methodist layman from Onida, S. D., differed.

"Those of us who believe that prayers and Bible reading in school are worthwhile have never suggested that these things should take the place of church and home training," Curtis Johnson, a road contractor, said.

"The real issue is not a matter of separation of church and state. It is the grievous mistake the Supreme Court believes religion should be channeled into certain areas of life only," Johnson said. "This is a tragic error."

Evangelist Billy Graham, crusading in West Germany, said he was "shocked" at the Supreme Court decision.

"Prayers and Bible reading have been a part of American public school life since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock," Graham said. "Now a Supreme Court in 1963 says our fathers were all wrong all these years. In my opinion, it is the Supreme Court that is wrong."

A Roman Catholic educator, the

Rev. William J. Kenney, S. J., professor of law at Loyola University in Chicago, said "reading of the Bible, recitation of prayers and the conduct of religious exercises in public schools infringes on the free exercise of religion on the part of dissenting parents."

The president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Albert G. Minda, Minneapolis, Minn., said, "We are gratified to learn of the decisions . . . We believe they will strengthen the voluntary religious life in America."

A Jewish theologian, Rabbi Seymour Siegel of Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, said, "I number myself among those who believe that it is desirable within the dictates of the Constitution to find some way to make the influence of religion felt within the schools of our nation."

The American Jewish Committee said the decision represented "a reaffirmation of the historic American principle of separation of church and state."

The president of the World Methodist Council, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, said in Philadelphia, the ruling will "penalize the religious people who are very definitely in the majority in the U.S."

Bishop Corson predicted the decision would be "the beginning of a new movement by both the Protestants and the Catholics for parochial education simply to protect their children from a growing secularism which now seems to have invaded the courts."

In Indianapolis, Ind., Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religious leaders issued a joint statement urging support of the court's decision.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, disagreed strongly with the ruling.

"The Supreme Court ruling against prayer and Bible reading as devotional exercises in the schools marks a sad departure from this nation's heritage under God," he said.



**FLAG DAY OBSERVED**—Flag Day was observed in Decatur last Friday in services at the Elks lodge home, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. In front, left to right—Ralph Bollinger exalted ruler of the Elks, and J. Byron Hayes, Fort Wayne attorney, who delivered the address; in rear, left to right—Jerome Heimann, senior vice commander of the DAV; Ellis Shaw, VFW commander, and Ed Kircher, commander-elect of the American Legion.—(Photo by MacLean)

### Hoover Remains In Serious Condition

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Herbert C. Hoover, suffering from anemia and intestinal bleeding, remained in "very serious" condition today at his home.

The 88-year-old Hoover was "sleeping most of the time" at his suite in the Waldorf Towers in Manhattan, according to a medical bulletin signed by four physicians Monday.

The statement, as tersely written, as the one which disclosed Friday that Hoover was seriously ill, said he had shown slight improvement since Sunday "in that his fever is less and his heart action is more regular."

In the Friday bulletin, his doctors said he had been in serious condition for a week with anemia and bleeding from the gastrointestinal tract.

The only persons being permitted to visit Hoover—aside from the teams of doctors and nurses attending him—were his two sons, Herbert Jr. and Allan.

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### Monthly Meeting Is Held By Cub Pack

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### Water Supply For Town Is Cut Off

CUMBERLAND, Ind. (UPI) — Vandals fired shots into equipment at the pumping station of the Cumberland Water Co. today, putting the machinery out of commission and virtually cutting off the water supply for this Hancock County community of 600 persons.

Town Marshal Vernon Ducksot said the damage apparently was done by a group of youths who were seen drag-racing through town Monday night.

Householders reported the water pressure was so weak it required several minutes to draw a glass of water.

The fluoridation system which puts a tooth decay preventing chemical into the water was shattered by the gun blasts.

Ducksot said the vandals opened fire hydrants on street corners before they went to the pumping station and fired an undetermined number of shots into the equipment.

Sheriff's officers said they had no information on the identity of the vandals.

Cumberland lies along U.S. 40 about six miles east of Indianapolis on the western edge of Hancock County.

**Homestead Group To Meet Wednesday Night**

The Decatur Homestead Association will hold its annual meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the I&M building.

### Large Area Of Agreement On Civil Rights

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said today a "large area of agreement" had been reached with Republicans on civil rights legislation. But he said there is still sharp disagreement over President Kennedy's desire for a law banning segregation in privately owned public facilities.

Mansfield made the statement after he and other Democratic congressional leaders met with Kennedy to discuss the administration's civil rights program, scheduled to go to Congress Wednesday.

The Senate Democratic chief said Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen has "been most cooperative" in trying to work out acceptable revisions of the Kennedy proposals.

Speaker John W. McCormack announced that the civil rights program will include a new bill to provide training and vocational education which he said is "of paramount significance in meeting the basic problem of skilled labor" and thus assuring Negroes of an opportunity for better jobs.

#### Also Discuss Taxes

Civil rights was the main topic at the weekly White House breakfast meeting which also included a discussion of the administration's pending tax bill and other measures. Mansfield and McCormack both said they did not believe the top-priority tax legislation would be imperiled by the forthcoming civil rights debate.

Mansfield said that Republicans at a bipartisan leadership meeting with Kennedy Monday had "indicated interest" in the job training measure McCormack referred to.

Mccormack said the job training bill would be "an important" step toward "getting at chronic unemployment" which Kennedy has emphasized strikes hardest at Negroes.

#### New Training Needed

McCormack did not offer any particulars of the bill, which apparently would supplement similar legislation already proposed, but he did say it would cope with the fact that "labor is getting to be more and more technical and skilled" new training opportunities therefore are needed.

Republican policy groups in both the House and Senate scheduled meetings today to review the five-part civil rights package that Kennedy plans to send to Congress Wednesday.

#### Other Developments:

—The President invited 10 state governors to a White House lunch today where civil rights was certainly to be a major topic. Attending were Govs. Jack Campbell of New Mexico, Bert T. Combs of Kentucky, John N. Dempsey of Connecticut, Albert S. Harrison of Virginia, Grant Sawyer of Nevada, J. Millard Tawes of Maryland, Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, John A. Love of Colorado, William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania and James A. Rhodes of Ohio.

#### Set National Committee

—A group of 243 religious leaders agreed at a meeting with the President Monday to set up a national committee that would work at all levels to help solve the civil rights crisis. J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Guard of Churches, agreed to head the committee.

—The White House announced that Kennedy would confer with several hundred educators Wednesday on school desegregation and with several hundred lawyers Friday on legal aspects of the civil rights issue.

The battle in Congress will be over the President's proposal to ban racial discrimination in hotels, motels, theaters, restaurants and other public accommodations.

Not even a White House pro-

### Plan Harlan Days August 1, 2 And 3

The 1963 Harlan days committee has announced an amateur talent contest, to be held Aug. 1, 2 and 3. Open to contestants of all ages, this year's contest will be divided into two groups.

One group will consist of single and duo member acts, and the other will be trio or more.

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#### Nicholoff Serves During Exercises

USS EVERETT F. LARSON (FFTNC) — Nicholas T. Nicholoff, radarman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Nicholoff of route 1, Monroeville, Ind., is serving aboard the radar picket destroyer USS E. F. Larson, a Pacific Fleet unit which recently participated in first fleet exercises conducted off the coast of California during the president's two-day visit June 6-7.

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#### Fred Soldier Heads College Fellowship

Fred Soldier, of Decatur, was elected president of the Indiana-Bluffton College fellowship which met Sunday afternoon for a carry-in supper at Lehman park in Berne. Mrs. James Gratz, North Manchester, was elected secretary, and Donald Gundy, Fort Wayne, was elected treasurer, and Donald Gundy, Fort Wayne, was elected treasurer.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Yoder and Professor Earl Lehman of the college faculty were among the more than 100 persons who attended the meeting. The two faculty members spoke briefly on the growth of the college and on the changes in courses at the college. ¼

#### Delays Appearance For Murder Trial

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Terre Haute attorney John R. Jett, who had planned to appear before the Indiana Supreme Court Monday afternoon to seek an order for an immediate trial for accused slayer James Spellman, postponed the appearance until Wednesday morning.

Jett said he did not have enough time to prepare for the appearance in his efforts to avoid a delay of trial until September for Spellman, former assistant city engineer at Terre Haute, in the bayingon net death of his brother.

**New York Stock Exchange Prices MIDDAY PRICES**  
A. T. & T., 122%; DuPont, 24%; Ford, 54; General Electric, 79%; General Motors, 70%; Gulf Oil, 44%; Standard Oil N. J., 67%; U. S. Steel, 49.

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