

Editorial Opinion

# A Matter of Learning

*"You've got to be taught to hate and fear,  
You've got to be taught from year to year,  
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear,  
You've got to be carefully taught.*

*You've got to be taught to be afraid  
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,  
And people whose skin is a different shade,  
You've got to be carefully taught*

*You've got to be taught before it's too late,  
Before you are six or seven or eight,  
To hate all the people your relatives hate,  
You've got to be carefully taught."*

The writers of the show South Pacific have, with this song, characterized the beginning of prejudice — an unnatural phenomenon.

In the United States there exists prejudice of all kinds — racial, religious and ethnic. At the same time a nationwide TV audience sees a New Orleans mother screaming at her crying child, "Tell'em you don't want to go to school with niggers," part of our Judeo-Christian heritage teaches us that all men are brothers in the sight of God and we learn that all men are equal under the law of the Constitution.

**It has been proven that no one race, religion or ethnic group is superior to any other and yet these prejudices remain.**

In the South even the educated firmly reiterate the slogans "separate but equal" or "they're fine — in their place." Despite the evidence, many still believe that only whites are human and others are the next rung down on the evolutionary scale.

In the North, where we often haughtily look down on the ignorant segregationist of the South, there exists the same prejudice — the same feeling that the Negro is inferior. Only it takes a more hidden, hypocritical slant.

**A neighborhood becomes "undesirable" when a Negro moves in, and the "educated" whites often stop at nothing to keep him out.**

The Northern schools are integrated but in many cases the Negro students go their own way and there is little friendship between the two groups. Many times Negroes come to Northern schools from inferior Southern schools, and when they cannot successfully compete with their northern neighbors, tension rises on both sides.

Resistance to integration in the South has been costly and yet reason seems out of the question when mobs of screaming mothers show up to keep two little colored girls out of an elementary school. But we

must remember that it is the mothers and not their children who are screaming.

When we are young — 3 or 4 — we will play with anyone and not stop to ask if his parents are Presbyterians or notice the color of his skin. Then the emotional prejudices of an older generation seep in and we are told that Johnnie and Susie are not "nice" people to play with because they are Negro or Jewish or Catholic or Italian or Puerto Rican.

Seeking to win approval, we cease to play with Johnnie and Susie and become "nice" people. Yet at the same time we learn gradually the traditional ideals on which our country was founded. We hear the words "all men are created equal" and yet for some of us this phrase has no real meaning.

What the sociologists call a conflict has arisen between this ideal and the idea that we ought not to associate with "different" people. This conflict between idea and ideal is often resolved by individuals who simply ignore one or the other.

**Those who are prejudiced have allowed the idea of exclusiveness to prevail over the traditional ideal.**

Deep emotionalism has covered the plain hard fact that there is simply no reason for prejudice and thus our conflict arises between an unfounded but emotionally charged idea and the simple truth.

The problem then, is how to erase this idea which is illogical but powerful. Many people in the United States will have to "unlearn" prejudice and be able to accept the truth.

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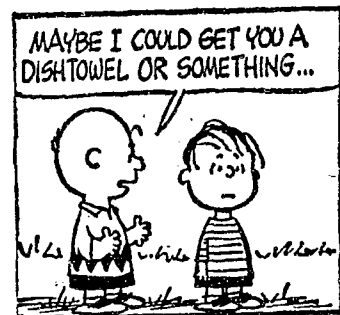
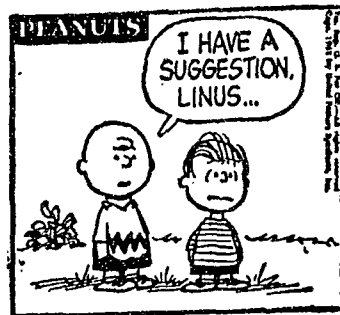
Today there is evidence that some people have "unlearned" prejudice and their number is increasing as the Federal Court stands firmly behind the Negro, in his fight for recognition — for status as a human being.

The Negro is no longer going to accept his former role in our society and he has the support of many whites.

**Movements have arisen on many campuses to stamp out local discrimination in housing and other facilities.**

The sit-in demonstrations and racial strife in the South are part of the battle for the basic human dignity of ALL men — a battle which has just begun.

Perhaps it will be a very long battle indeed but at least in some places action has taken the place of apathy; and there is hope for a victory — a victory in which all men understand the phrase "all men are created equal."



## World at a Glance

### Cuba Sets Celebration For Fidel

### Laotian Pilots Attack Rebels

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba turned from the task of repulsing a "Yankee invasion" that never came to planning a victory parade to demonstrate support for Prime Minister Fidel Castro's revolutionary government.

Propaganda organs abruptly dropped warnings of the U.S. attack once freely predicted by Castro. Instead they concentrated on rallying a massive crowd for a march to the presidential palace tonight.

Whether Castro will address the throng is still not certain. But people here are quite certain that if he does, he will announce that the "aggressors from the north" have been frightened away once again.

Credit will go to the two-week mobilization of the workers militia and soldiers backed by a lavish supply of Czechoslovak and Soviet weapons.

Fewer armed men — and women — appeared on the streets of Havana and other cities yesterday.

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Laotian pilots raided rebel lines yesterday for the second day in a row, flying four hastily armed obsolete training planes supplied by the United States. The biggest battle of Laos' six-year-old civil war was believed shaping up.

While British and French diplomats in Vientiane expressed fear of Communist retaliation, a top U.S. official defended the air strikes as a defense measure against a big pro-Communist rebel buildup to the north.

When the battle will come no one here knows. But Western military experts said quick action is necessary to offset continuing Soviet air drops to rebels in north-central Laos.

The targets of the propeller-driven planes, delivered by the United States only Tuesday, were secret. And a tight security screen was thrown around the capital's field from which they flew.

### Ike Says Stick To Principles

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower called on his successor yesterday to stick to principles which he said kept America strong and free in a world menaced by Communist troublemakers.

Reviewing the record of his eight years in office, during which he said the country has risen to unprecedented heights while holding Red imperialism in check, Eisenhower said: "These vital programs must go on. New tactics will have to be developed, of course, to meet new situations, but the underlying principles should be constant."

### Judge Deals Blow in Ga.

MACON, Ga. (AP) — A federal judge dealt a killing blow to Georgia school segregation laws yesterday but took no action to return two Negro students to the University of Georgia. They were whisked from the university by order of the governor after campus rioting Wednesday night.

U.S. Dist. Judge W. A. Bootle invalidated the state appropriations law ban against the use of tax money for the support of an integrated public school or college.

He continued in effect an injunction granted Tuesday against Gov. Ernest Vandiver and other state officials which had kept them from closing the university by cutting off funds. Vandiver had planned a temporary shutdown for legislative repeal of the fund cut-off law.

### Kennedy Approves Jackie's Wardrobe

NEW YORK (AP) — Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's designer permitted a brief peek yesterday at the new First Lady's wardrobe, and disclosed that the President-elect had quite a bit to say about it.

"I feel he likes them very much," designer Oleg Cassini told 200 fashion editors of the nation's newspapers, here for the spring press week showings.

### Uruguay Expels Cuban Official

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — The Cuban ambassador and the first secretary of the Soviet Embassy here are being expelled from Uruguay as persona non grata (unwelcome), a high government source said last night.

The presumably were linked with pro-Castro demonstrations and street fights that led to a government raid Wednesday on Communist headquarters and the arrest of 139 persons.

### Mice Set Loose in Store

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A striker let loose a flock of white mice in a department store at Verviers yesterday. Police reported women shoppers cleared out. They arrested a young man for questioning and reported a similar incident took place earlier in a department store in Liege.

## Gazette

TODAY  
AICHE, HUB assembly room, 10 a.m.-noon  
Blazer Committee, 203 HUB, 7-9 p.m.  
Faculty Meeting, College of Agriculture, 109 Armaby, 4:15 p.m.  
IV Christian Fellowship, 218 HUB, 12:45 p.m.-1:15 p.m.; 111 Boucke, 7:30 p.m.  
ODK, 217 HUB, 12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  
"Summer and Smoke," Center Stage, 8 p.m.

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## Letters

### North Halls Say Live Ones Better

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to a news item in the Collegian yesterday, it was stated that the ratio of boys to girls in West Halls (3:1) is too high. We men of North Halls would like to know how the West boys would like living up here where the ratio is 1150:0?

Dean Lipp, hear this! We demand new faces. We're sick of looking at each other.

There are plenty of girls in South Halls. Why not move half of them into North Halls and move half of the fellows down South!

We'd like real live women to look at for a change: "Playboy" is getting expensive.

—15 Lonely Hearts of North Halls