



others predict a peaceful, if gradual, compliance.

The highest U. S. tribunal declared unanimously Monday that segregation "solely on the basis of race" violates the U. S. constitution, regardless of whether schools for Negroes appear to be as good as those for whites. The court said segregation of itself deprives Negro children of equal opportunities.

The justices tempered the impact of their ruling by holding off a formal decree to put the decision into effect. More arguments have been ordered for next fall on how

Justice Robert H. Jackson has predicted "a generation of litigation."

Some southern senators say it may be years before school segregation ends in the south.

The states most directly affected are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia plus the District of Columbia. Something like two-thirds of the country's Negroes live in these states.

R. F. PETURSSON

Petursson Free On \$3,000 Bail

TORONTO (CP)—R. F. Petursson, former dominion government highways inspector in the Arthur district, appeared before justice of the peace at Toronto hall Monday and was freed of \$3,000 on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Ontario government in connection with highways irregularities.

Persons to Testify Promised by Wren

TORONTO (CP)—A list of names of persons to be called by Liberal Opposition members to testify before the Ontario legislature's select committee investigating alleged irregularities in the highways department was promised for today by Albert Wren (Lib.-Lab.—Kenora).

Mr. Wren said he would hand in the names during today's session after a heated argument with Attorney-General Porter Monday.

The verbal battle concluded a day which heard the testimony of "substantial" gifts from contractors being received by departmental employees "as high as any level."

The attorney-general, Mr. Wren and Opposition Leader Farquhar Oliver sparred over Mr. Wren's claims that he had important evi-

dence to bring before the committee.

SHOULD TELL COMMITTEE

Committee chairman Kelso Roberts (PC — Toronto St. Patrick) sparked the debate when he said if any member had any evidence to offer the committee should be informed.

Mr. Porter said he understood that the Liberal Opposition members had evidence.

"Let us know what it is so we will know what to do about it. . . The onus is on you to show us what you have."

"We'll pick our own good time," retorted Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Wren said he would prepare a list of names and addresses overnight and present it to the committee today.

"As soon as . . . reports and relevant matters are completed. . . I'll be prepared to call them."

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The day brought about these other developments:

1. Evidence that contractors who bid too low on highway contracts were treated more generously in deciding classification of material to be moved.
2. Testimony that some highway construction records were destroyed after the highways investigation got under way.
3. Introduction of a report that showed the provincial government paid \$15,705,557 more than was contracted for on highway contracts let in 1950.

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South African Voting System Bill Introduced

CAUTION URGED FIREWORKS

Port Arthur Fire Chief Fred [Name] warned parents today to take a lookout on children's use of fireworks during the long weekend which includes the May 24 holiday.

Although most everyone enjoys a fireworks display, caution must be observed in their use which could cause fire, injury, or, as has happened in some cases, disaster.

Should Change Progress Payment Methods in Highway Building

TORONTO (CP)—Changes in the method of handling progress payments to road-builders were recommended Monday in the Woods Gordon report on the Ontario Department of highways.

A Toronto firm of management consultants reported to the legislature's select committee investigating alleged irregularities in the department that records of work done during early stages of a contract were sometimes falsified to enable a contractor to claim payments at that point in work.

The firms then under-estimated the amount of work done in the job to compensate for the very-large early payments. This method of making advance payments is not consistent with

the terms of the contracts and requires the staff of the department in the field to send in statements showing that work has been performed when in fact it has not been done," the report said. "Furthermore, this procedure makes it more difficult to keep control of the quantities actually moved during the course of the contract.

"We recommend that this practice be discontinued. The reports from the department's field staff show only their estimates of the quantities actually moved. If it is necessary to finance contractors in the initial stages of the work, the contract should provide for an advance of five to 10 per cent of the total contract price which could be recovered from subsequent payments as they become due."

Petursson, one of 11 men charged with conspiracy last week as a result of investigations into alleged road contract irregularities in the Port William division, arrived in Toronto by plane Monday from Vancouver where he has been working.

He will appear in court later in a preliminary hearing on the charges.

He is the first federal official to be charged in the investigation.

Tree-Planting Photo By Fred Lovelady

Photo reproduced on this page yesterday to show the planting of the first tree in the Port William Rotary club's new tree farm. The subject was taken by Fred Lovelady, club member. The accompanying picture, showing the Memorial avenue planting of 1926 in which the father, I. L. Matthews, was principal was loaned by Harwood Matthews also club member and president. Rotarian standing from the right in the newer photo and not properly identified in the cut lines was Ralph B. D.

U.S. Convinced Communist Loose In Ce

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. States authorities said today they are convinced Moscow has loose Communist agitators in the movement strife and chaos in Central America.

This belief is based on developments in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras and claims now by an apparently large movement of arms to Guatemala Communist-controlled Stettin a German port but now included into Poland.

The state department has announced late Monday that a specified quantity and type of arms now are being unloaded from a cargo ship of Swedish registry at the Guatemalan port of