Virginia Mixes After Betrayal

Almond Praised In North

Reaction to the Virginia Surrord was fast and varied.

As expected, official federal officials and newspapers were soon firm on the outcome for the integration of nearly a dozen Virginia white schools.

The evening of the first day of integration in Arlington and Norfolk, White House news secretary James Hagerty told reporters President Kennedy’s

feeling’s:

"he thinks it is a fine thing that this was all orderly today; that the students had the situation in Norfolk, wanted their schools reopened and that there would be no disorder, but wonder if the 'authorities' were determined to prevent integration as they were to do in the future?"

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in the Nashville Tempean, a publication of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of finding a new governor somewhere to as a "statesman, a peace maker, a Long-O-Long'-on' (Clement) has last and won.

The Nashville paper editorialized: "Almond emerged with the honor that is the birthright of any good citizen.

"When he saw that the law could not be measured up to proper meaning, he, the statesman, meekly capitulated, thereby drawing loud praise from the heart of his people."

The remarks of his adversaries: "The \textit{man} in the \textit{shoe} is the \textit{man}, not the \textit{foot}.

And police commissioner Clyde

Then came Monday, Feb. 2 -

We are now gone into almost
total, and one, permanent and hopeless equilibrium.

"Other Southern governors who oppose integration have ceased to look in the hope of finding a new governor somewhere to as a "statesman, a peace maker, a Long-O-Long'-on' (Clement) has last and won.

"...Vultures Of Tyranny"

Leader: Weaker As People Stand Firm

"Massive reaction" crumbled in the face of "massive be-

"treatment" Virginia during February.

More than 50 Negroes were admitted to 11 previously all-

white schools in Arlington, Norfolk and Alexandria. Only the people of Washington County showed the will and the good sense to resist integrated mixing of the races.

Virginia state courts joined Federal in overturning the state's "massive resistance" program. Gov. Almond meekly capitulated, thereby drawing loud praise from the Northern press for his "statesmanship."

Not a day at Appomat-

Lot of Virginia's humiliation: "The place is too high to pay; no burden too heavy to bear, and no (crime) too great to endure in defense of the right and duty of being an American."

Here is the chronology lead-

up to Virginia's humiliation: State courts held unconstitutional the laws which comprised the heart of the hetero's legal safeguards against integration.

Gov. Almond immediately took to the country, with visits to the other state's capital, to try to follow the law and the people of Virginia with nothing to fear, and to urge them to be patient with me in this struggle.

A few days later, the price was too high to pay; no burden too heavy to bear, and no (crime) too great to endure in defense of the right and duty of being an American.

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